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THE AURA.

By Zodiac.

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Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

Beloved Saviour, in joy and in perfect unity we gather together and we ask Thee to so vouchsafe Thy Presence unto us that we may indeed be filled with the Holy Spirit - with that holiness of heart and mind which allows us to penetrate into the courtyards of the Most High.

Father of all, we are anxious to be used. We ask Thee to use us in the way Thou thinkest best, that we may forget the calls of the physical, these being lost in the tender Voice of the Spirit. Grant that we may listen and hear - hear with that mind which is a Divine gift from Thee, hear with that inner spiritualised self - and hearing, may not only answer but may place ourselves unreservedly under Thy direction.

O God, we realise more and more that we are getting near to the centre of sacredness, when the need is greater than ever for purity of heart and mind. Grant that we may believe that wishing for purity it will be made our own. Prepare us, attune us to Thee, and give us courage and understanding - courage to go forward, and understanding to see something of the Great Plan on which Thou art working - when no force of evil will ever again have the power to hold us back.

Into Thy Hands we commend our Spirit, and resting on Thee we are confident that all will be well, and not only that, but that we may be well used in Thine honour and glory. Amen...

...My children, tonight we have passed one more of those - to you - imperceptible stages, and have started on a fresh portion of our work. I want to throw out thoughts of sympathy, of love and of understanding, so that the good gifts of God, which are here in such generosity tonight, may

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contact with your own - and yours, being gathered into that mighty Fount, can be used by God so that His Will may be done...

My children, this is a very happy evening indeed. I am speaking of the joy of the Spirit - of those things which lie far beyond the borders of the earth plane, which indeed are of the bright realms themselves. Therefore, in heart and mind rejoice, for I say unto you, that in that inner self, the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Yes, we go on, gathering up sometimes, it seems to you, but little grist for our mill. But those in the Spirit have been adding and adding, and I tell you for your comfort that the resources are not only enough, but are there in abundance. Out of the fragments of effort, out of the half-thoughts of holiness, God has gathered the good grain, and by the miracle of His Love has turned that which you value lightly into power that will be used again and again.

And now, my children, as usual, we will talk over a few things; and tonight, in the beginning, I would speak to you of that which you describe by the word 'Aura'. There have been many upon earth, gifted with spiritual sight, who have been able to see in those around them some outward manifestation of the soul which is within. It is an interesting subject, and much speculation has been forthcoming in regard to it; also much criticism too. And very often such descriptions have been dismissed as imagination - the distorted imagination of the person concerned.

Well, all those who have lived in the material world have found, over and over again, that that which is beyond the knowledge of certain persons is generally dismissed by them as non-existent - quite a common habit amongst the children of the earth throughout the ages. But you and I have learnt a little in regard to those spiritual laws which govern our life and being - I am speaking of the greater self within - we have learnt a little in regard to the wonderful Mind of God and His loving thoughts for the children He has created.

Well, in the first place, I will run over old ground in order to build up in your minds some faint conception - I can do no more - of what really is fact and truth.

To the majority of people the physical and the material exist only - in other words, the body and its clothing - and they form their judgements entirely on these outward indications of what lies within. And sometimes, dear children, they are an indication of the character of a person - I mean

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that you cannot think of God without, unconsciously, even to yourself, the physical body becoming spiritualised; you cannot wish to be pure and holy without that wish expressing itself both in your clothing and in the house in which you live... These things may be of a subtle nature but they exist in a definite form...

But tonight I want to take you much farther on than that. We will take for granted the physical body and the clothing in which it stands, and get on to what is a little beyond the range of the ordinary physical eyes and physical mind - I speak of that in which you are enclosed.

My children, it has been discovered by certain students, on a purely scientific basis, that the human form has certain emanations - by which I mean that surrounding the body is that which can be seen and can be noted in detail - and yet those thinkers are, for the most part, quite unconscious of the significance of these 'radiations' which are around you all.

In order to describe its shape and purpose - from a physical standpoint - I draw your attention to the parallel between it and the protective covering of an infant before birth, and I tell you that not only before physical birth, but right on through the many stages of spiritual evolution, there is that which is around you - protecting, guarding, warning and attracting.

Here I must draw your attention to the word 'warning'. To most people attraction and detraction - or repulsion - is explained solely on physical grounds. In your daily life there are those for whom you are conscious of a feeling of sympathy, or of antagonism. Well, dear children, it is not necessary for me to tell you - you who have already learnt the rudiments of this subject - why this is so; but I would emphasise the fact that, as yet, you know only the outer covering of the great and important truth which lies buried underneath...

But let me get back to my description. Picture to yourself this: That everyone with whom you come into contact, everyone in this great vast world - as it appears to you - is enclosed in the vibrations which express their true personality. And those who have spiritual sight find it quite simple to see at a glance the stage of development which the soul has attained.

My children, there are some of you who have a very keen appreciation of the beautiful, and to you I would speak. I would tell you

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that could you once see the loveliness which surrounds a soaring soul, beauty of feature or of form would appear valueless in comparison. Those who wish to love God indeed are, as it were, swathed in a variety of exquisite colours; and, as they go on their way through life, that beauty is reflected on others; and so it is that some seem to gather unto themselves much, much love. I am speaking of love and not of physical attraction - keep that point clear in your mind.

Those who have taken the steep side of the hill are, as you can imagine, in a more favourable position in regard to displaying such beauty, and I want you to understand that as the soul gains its freedom - that is, as the soul gains domination over the physical mind - so it is able to expand those emanations with which it is gifted. The young soul - the soul who as yet is asleep, or only half-awake - with these, dear children, you find that the light surrounding them is close on the physical body itself; it is an indication of that which is precious within but nothing more. Then, as the emancipation comes, so it is reflected in that beautiful encasement in which the children of earth live on the material plane.

My children, it is a little difficult to attempt to describe that which is of the Spirit in physical language, but I am trying to build up in your minds some faint conception of the loveliness which surrounds the soul which knows God as its Father.

And then we come to this: I said that this emanation was a protection, and so it is. Remembering that others move and have their being likewise surrounded, you can understand that when a collision occurs between the vibrations of two souls who are unequally developed a sense of shock is felt; and that is what you call 'physical' repulsion. It is not physical at all - it is that which is of God guarding the sacred self within. And when those who are attuned to evil rather than to good come into your presence, contacting with your emanations, so the warning is sent right through the physical mind to the soul itself - a warning to take care, to be on your guard because an enemy draweth nigh.

And so, dear children, it is not hard for you to understand what a wonderful thing it is when two persons - who both wish to give out of their best - come together in companionship of any kind. Not only are the vibrations of each one in sympathy but, more than that, in coming together they recharge each other, and that is how the joy comes. The power of each one is doubled because the unity is complete.

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You see, dear children, you have not to think very far afield to realise what a wonderful privilege is offered you all, and how sad it is that the children of the earth don't make more of a struggle to gain and to hold that which has no price. I tell you tonight that there are those upon earth who are so spiritually awake that from two to three feet in breadth all around them is the brightness - the reflection of the beauty that is within. And these, dear children, quite apart from the words they speak or the deeds they do - although these are bound up in it - but quite apart from this, as they go through life they are spreading holiness and truth.

When the body is laid aside and the children of the earth come Home, you can imagine their delight, their intense interest, to look at those who remain in the flesh and to see the reflection of the real self within. Because, although it is in a limited degree only - those vibrations which you contribute to yourself, are as near in appearance to the spiritual body as possible while the physical remains.

My children, there is that word of warning to which I must revert. The vibrations which you call the 'aura' are highly magnetic; for the want of a better word I will call them 'electrical vibrations', which possess a power which is not understood by anyone upon this physical plane. Yes, they have this power, and it can be used or misused by the one concerned; and, in regard to others, can be used or abused as the mood takes them. You see, dear children, that we have to take into account that there are some men and women who, after reaching a certain stage of spiritual emancipation, fall from their heights to the ground beneath - and those who have never tried at all are the first to cast a sneer at their failure.

But I want you to understand this, and to take to heart the responsibility which is attached to the vibrations which express your real self. I said, dear children, that those who have sought to scale the steeper side are very attractive to others; and I would add that those others need not necessarily have reached the same spiritual advancement to feel the attraction. In fact, in many instances, you find a good man or a good woman rouses in one who is weaker - or who is under the influence of an adverse force - rouses in these that tug of attraction to which they yield without any struggle at all.

Well, dear children, you know that the shadows are determined to block the progress of the more heroic ones, and it happens sometimes that by the sheer power and beauty of their vibrations their downfall comes. Of

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course, they were off their guard at the time; it would have been impossible if close communion with Christ were there...

This is a difficult subject, and I am hard put to make it clear. But I do want you to try and grasp that good men and good women - those who have struggled to free themselves from that which would hold them down - that these are not to be condemned if such a failure should come. Compassion of an unutterable kind is their right, and what was not made good on the material plane shall be readjusted and strengthened when the body is laid aside.

My children, it is not a contradiction to say that those who are the most highly evolved spiritually are very often beset by the greatest temptations there are.

This is only according to fact, as illustrated in the life of Our Lord - for on those with a lofty purpose the evil concentrates its energies in order to pull down that which has been built up with so much strain and effort. But, as you know, Christ knew no weakness at all, yet He knew fierce temptation - temptation unparalleled by any other soul that has ever been created.

And then I pass on to this: The mere fact, dear children, that these vibrations are so interwoven around you carries also with it what would appear to you a disadvantage in regard to 'sensitiveness' - and that sensitiveness gives some slight indication of the sensitiveness which is experienced by all when the physical body is laid aside. You have heard that when the tabernacle of the flesh is discarded, nerves, as nerves, exist no more - but you must differentiate between nerves and sensitiveness. One is of the physical, and the other is entirely of that spiritual nature which expresses your real selves.

My children, in regard to this subject, I want to draw your attention to a little point, and that is in regard to this same 'sensitiveness' - which you will find will increase as the days go on. I want you to realise that it is as well to protect it as much as possible - to look ahead, as it were, and to be on your guard against that which would cause it damage. It may seem strange to you to speak of sensitiveness in this way, but it is really that outer expression of the soul-body which is within - and it is not wise in such cases to do certain things...

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For instance, one should not be wakened unexpectedly from sleep. It is dangerous from a physical standpoint, because during the sleep-state still more so is that emanation apparent.

If you could see with the eyes of the spirit, it would look like this: The physical body seems strangely shrunken - in fact it is more an indication than anything else - and around the sleeper are waves upon waves of light. The body is, as it were, enclosed in a cone of the finest woven strands of silk - I must use these material illustrations - but each thread is so definite, so perfectly formed, that though they appear as of gossamer quality yet they are strong and vibrant with feeling...

Well, dear children, it is not difficult for you to understand that it is like plunging your hand through that which is not of the earth at all and touching a tiny bud inside. It is not only touching in act, but when you call unexpectedly that is the effect it has upon the person concerned, and that is how it looks to us. The very voice, the calling back, breaks a million, million of those most wonderful lines of light in which the sleeper is enclosed...

My children, you see how difficult it is for me to portray spiritual facts in physical language. I must ask your great indulgence tonight but I have done my best with the tools at my disposal...

In a lesser degree, as you had demonstrated just now, it is not wise to touch suddenly any highly sensitive person, more especially those who are dedicated to this work. There, in quite a definite way, you get the same thing demonstrated, but in a slightly lesser degree - unless the one concerned is what you call actually 'under control' when, as you know, they must not be touched at all...

In regard to those 'sensitives', special treatment should be meted out to them, and they should be doubly on their guard against any concussion between their vibrations and those of others in an unexpected way. I refer to the so-called 'chance' collisions which occur so often in daily life. My children, those who are out to destroy are vigilant indeed, and when it is in their power they seek to injure; and in every case much work has to be done by us in order to protect and to make good afterwards.

You see, dear children, you get the two sides, and you cannot have the one without the other. When those who are attuned to God come into contact with others like-minded, all the joy and the gladness is there; in fact, it expresses the highest form of happiness which the earth can know.

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On the other hand, you have the element of danger and certainty of discomfort when you are brought into contact with those who are keyed to lower vibrations than yourself. But God protects ever and ever again, as you were told by one who has seen God's Love, and who has dedicated himself to the demonstration of that Love unto others (Dr. Bottentuit).

My children, as you go on - as you evolve spiritually - you will find that this sensitiveness will increase. And I want you to take it, not as an added burden, but rather as an outward and visible sign that you are shedding the material and that the spiritual is claiming you more and more...

This will comfort my little secretary (Dorrie) I hope. It is necessary, my child, that you should know the why and the wherefore of these experiences as you undertake them. There is not one which will not be justified in the days to come, and only by experiencing these different phases can you help to guard others on their upward way...

My children, I find - on going back on my words - that I have left several loose threads, and that is against my custom. But with a subject of this kind - with which you are only barely acquainted - it is difficult to proceed without taking you out of your depth. Yet believe me, that as the time goes on I shall come back to that which still remains hazy, and make all clear; and in the making clear you will see something of the marvels of God's protecting care, and how each one, from the weakest to the strongest, is held 'involved' in that which is of God; and that all that is left to them to accomplish is - by their thoughts, their efforts and their endeavours - to increase the beauty, to enlarge that which expresses Spirit. And in so doing, not only to add joy and peace to the soul within, but to shed on all, beauty and grace as well...

And now I leave you. There are messages tonight which have their work to do, and this being so I ask for your complete and undivided attention and help...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, dear children, it has been rather a curious evening in some ways, I expect you think; but we have worked in those special threads of the pattern which God has ordained, and so we can all say that once more it has been a 'good' evening in His sight, as well as so far as we are concerned.

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My last words to you tonight are these: That it lies within your power to do much - some perhaps more than others - to influence the lives of those around you. This power to influence, as you will understand, brings its responsibility; but I know that each one longs with all their heart to do as God intends them, to follow His leading and to be entirely under His guidance. Therefore, I can say to you all: 'Have confidence in yourselves.' That power of influence, which has been built up through these years of steady training, is there for a purpose - a Divine purpose - and the mere fact that you wish to do the right thing ensures that the right thing will be done.

I want you all, without exception - each one who reads these records - to take the words I speak as applicable to themselves; to put this question and to answer it frankly and freely: 'What is the influence that I have upon others? Do I bring out the best, or do I bring out the second best?'

In this world or in the world of the Spirit, that query has to be answered; and yet in telling you this I would add the most glorious fact which goes side by side with it: I say that there is not one who has ever influenced another for good that has not brought unto themselves beauty and power and the blessing of God. Of all things - in your world or in ours - there is nothing so great as the freeing of a soul, even if it be but from one bond of the earth. It is direct Christ work. It is of all things the most noble, the most precious and the most constructive - to be used to set free another who is finding the obtaining of release hard and difficult to accomplish.

Despise not little things, my children. Each one of you, in a way you little understand, are influencing others to rise, to struggle, and to have faith; and yet I said that the influencing of one brings you the direct blessing of God. So you see that these little things, which seem so unimportant to you, are building that which is close to your heart's desire, and that which - when the body is laid aside - will bring you into conditions which you would never imagine could ever be your own...

I leave with you tonight a feeling of assurance and of joyful anticipation in regard to the future. I leave with you a determination to carry on this work to the best of your ability, and, moreover, I leave behind a sense of responsibility to the greater self within - that self, remember, that belongs to God, which lives but to do His Will, which is centred in His Love, which knows only joy and harmony and peace and renewal - renewal and renewal again of the power to do, the wish to be, and the

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understanding that can lift and save and restart others on their upward path...

A note of triumph goes out - triumph over self. The triumph of that which is pure, and that which is noble within; which separates itself from the physical and the material - as they relate to the things of the earth - and gathering wings of inspiration soars on and on through the unlimited spheres to the Throne of God (Rev. 21. 2-3), which you regard as the highest point of all. The Throne of God, dear children, which, if you could see things as they are, has been brought down and built up in your midst tonight, for where the children of God are, there is God; and when heart and mind are focused on the Saviour, the Saviour waits not for the spirit to come to Him, but is at the side of each one... The moment the thought or wish to contact with the Divine is there, the Divine is with you - closer than breath, as I said before...

Now, dear children, I leave you, but remember this: That trivial as it may seem to you, the discomforts occasioned by the cold in the physical world during this time when we meet together - these discomforts are not overlooked by the Mind of Love. I'll say no more - you have not taken it into account, but these things are gathered up as precious jewels, as a gift to the Most High, and I am bidden to bring it in tonight to show you, for your soul's comfort, how the Father regards His little children...

Dorrie, this thought you should hold closely to you: You work for God, and that which is Love Itself is mindful ever of those who seek to serve...

I bless you with peace, with love, and with unity. I bless you with that knowledge of the things of the Spirit, which, in God's Name, I say is to be made your own, and which in time to come will turn the barrenness of earth into a garden of beauty indeed - the beauty of the Spirit which fades not and is never quenched... Goodnight, my children.



TAKING CONTROL.
Deep Trance Mediumship

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O most loving Saviour, once more we meet together in this sweet communion, and we ask Thee to send down to Thy children tonight the peace and the brightness, the faith and the understanding, which they pray for...

Grant that their eyes may be opened and that they may see - even if it be but afar off - something of the glory of trying to serve Thee...

Grant that during these early stages, the understanding may come that that which is not strong within may be made strong, and that that which is half holy may be made as holy as is possible while the body remains. Thus, more closely knit unto Thy Love through Thee they may contact with the knowledge of things unexpressed - all those many things which cannot be put into words but which are heard and comprehended by the mind of the spirit...

O Father, we entreat Thee to lift us up, to separate us more and more from the sad side and the dark side of the physical world; to enable us to emerge out of the material shell which still seeks to hold us and to feel that we are one for ever with those who are in Thy Bright Realms, even as they feel they are one with the children of the earth who seek to follow Thy Will.

Father, once more so gladly, with such a sense of relief, we leave everything in Thy Hands, and we ask Thee to make that which is yet incomplete so perfect that the Spirit may be able to demonstrate itself unhindered tonight... Amen...

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...Good evening, my children, and in the very beginning I am going to say that the darkness and the density of conditions outside is not apparent in this room tonight. Here, could you but see things with the eyes of the spirit, you would find beauty and brightness and holiness past all belief. I say 'past all belief' because with the finite mind of the body it is impossible to grasp that which is of God.

So, dear children, banishing for this short time when we meet together the remembrance of the physical world and its many discomforts, we enter into brightness which is of the Spirit, and those good gifts of the Spirit are being poured down in an unlimited measure upon you this evening - as they will be for ever more - although sometimes you forget it.

Tonight, dear children, we have several little things to talk over, and I want you to give me your complete attention; but first of all I must rid myself of the covering my child has put on upon herself. You see, dear children, that when those come into the physical body of another under any conditions there is a sense of restriction, of being compressed into a space which is not adequate - in fact, as some of your friends have expressed it, side by side with the joy of coming is the sense of being suffocated, from a physical point of view.

Now this is rather an interesting subject, for many there are who are puzzled - looking at things from a purely practical point of view, they are puzzled as to how it is possible for those who obviously are taller and broader in proportion to occupy the physical body of another built on a much smaller plan.

You have to remember that the body is material - it is not only physical but it is related and keyed and built for use in a material world - while those who are free from the flesh are, on their side, adapted solely to spiritual or immaterial conditions. They have a body, it is true, but although it is solid from one point of view, in no sense does it represent flesh and bone and muscle. Yet I have said that in coming into the body of another a sense of restriction - sometimes of suffocation - is experienced...

Now, we have got to harmonise these two points and to bring them to a logical conclusion. I send your minds back on my remarks in regard to the 'aura' and the breadth of the emanations which are possessed by those still in a physical body. You can understand, dear children, that that

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reflection of the spirituality within, of necessity, gives an impression of size which is not borne out by the form of the owner. But I told you that those emanations were an expression of the soul-body, which, during its earthly experience, is cabined within the tabernacle of the flesh.

Well, those who have passed out of physical existence have it in their power to do this: In order to enter into - and I use this term in its literal sense - in order to enter into the physical body of another built on a much smaller plan, it is necessary to, as it were, draw in that which represents themselves until the body is actually occupied.

My children, I want to make this quite clear. This process - which is at will - the process of repressing themselves is necessary only in order to get a lodgement in the body they wish to speak through. When that is accomplished - in the same way as I described to you the emanations surrounding the physical body of those who love God - just in the same way, those emanations which reflect the personality are able to come through that which is physical and expand themselves round the body so occupied.

Now, dear children, you can understand from this that the difficulty, the test of endurance - and it is considerable - is confined to the act of what you call 'Taking Control'. It explains also how it is that even the inexperienced, after they have once, as it were, got their bearings, are able to speak through and use the body of another with freedom. The body being occupied by that which is of the Spirit - in the sense that it is not physical - is able to spread itself beyond the body and gain ease in that way.

You will ask me then, why was it necessary to discard the little covering that my child had put on to protect her from the cold? Well, that covering would accentuate the sense of repression and lack of space, and I was thinking of those who had to follow. It would have been impossible for one who was inexperienced to have overcome that added handicap.

And then I pass on to this: I want you always to take a perfectly commonsense view of the process whereby those who have vacated their own physical bodies are able to come back and speak to you in person. In your world communication of this kind is graded under many headings, most of them entirely misleading.

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For instance there is that word which has almost lost its original meaning which is used as a matter of course - I refer to 'mysticism', which in the mind of man today does not express close communion with God, but rather dabbling with that which is a danger to himself and the community at large.

You see, dear children, that simple truths, as time goes on, can be lost in a conglomeration of thoughts entirely unconnected with the Spiritual World. In the days of old, a 'mystic' was one who was trying to get into direct touch with his Maker; today it is a term used mostly in contempt to describe those who are unpractical, who are dreamers merely, and who involve themselves in a mass of theories or intellectual entanglements. I am not denying that the word holds good and will for ever, but you and I have to take things as they are and you would not dream of describing an earnest, diligent follower of Christ by the term of 'mystic'.

Therefore, dear children, tonight we will make things clear as to what we are and what this sacred communion represents. We are the children of the Master, following as closely as possible the teaching of Our Lord Himself, given through the physical body which He took on to demonstrate that God could control that which was of the earth. Our precepts are His precepts; our very actions in seeking to break down the barriers between the two worlds is but following in His steps and endeavouring to obey His will. And I say to all - all who read these records - that they have only to turn to what is called 'The New Testament' to find illustration and example of what we are trying to do, in Christ's Name.

'Mysticism', as the word is interpreted nowadays, has no part in the work on which we are engaged. As in the days of old, Christ, Our Lord, directed His disciples to seek God and to find Him, to allow themselves to be guided solely by Him, through direct contact with the Holy Spirit - so you and I, in our humble way, are trying to do likewise, and, thank God, are succeeding far beyond the comprehension of the minds of the children of the earth.

I think I have made our position clear, and I want you next time you hear anyone refer to such communication as coming under the heading of 'mysticism' - I want you to say: 'No, but as followers of Christ, trying to do His will - as laid down by Him during His earthly experience - seeking to

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obey, wishful to be used, we offer our hearts and minds to the One who is Love Itself.

And then, dear children, there is another point which I wish to talk over, and that is in regard to the 'sensitiveness' to which I referred the last time we met together. Children, that same sensitiveness is given to you for a great and glorious purpose: Not only is it an accompanying gift with the shedding of the material, but far more so it is the gateway into spiritual consciousness - by which I mean the understanding of those things which are connected with the Bright Realms and with many spiritual laws which are in operation both in your world as well as in our own.

Now, you know it is impossible to plunge into anything suddenly without due preparation. From the beginning I have tried to show you that not only must we build brick by brick, but, first of all, must the grains of the bricks be brought together and made into a firm whole, in order that they may be used.

It is no use, with the things of God, to build hurriedly; we build with care, with great painstaking, and, sometimes, we build and rebuild again. So, dear children, in regard to the uncovering of your spiritual consciousness, of necessity it must be a slow process. The means by which it can be done have to be gathered together in minute portions - in that steady building up of character and of self-control, and, what is more, by the even balance of the physical mind.

It does not need me to tell you that self-control is perhaps of all things the least practised by the children of the earth in their general every-day life. I am not referring to those big - and sometimes devastating - impulses which occur very often when least expected; I am referring to self-control in daily life.

Now, dear children - it will make you smile perhaps - but do you know that you have been building up something which is going to mean a lot in the days to come, by the mere fact of your concentration and the control of your physical mind during the hours when we meet together? Look around - few there are who have sufficient control over their nerves and physical minds to sit still for ten minutes together. It is a little point but it is a most important one.

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Gradually I have trained you so that now for two or three hours my children can forget themselves in listening to the things which are of God. You have been told - and I emphasise it more and more as we go on - that repose of mind, the quietening down of physical thoughts, and the controlling of that network of nerves connected with the body - that this self-discipline is not only going to bring you much in the days to come, but is essential for the carrying on and the expansion of this work.

You see, dear children, this is another point which you have not taken into account. In the beginning, out of ignorance of spiritual laws, you did not realise that quietness, that stillness, that the control of that most natural desire to 'fidget', was essential in order that we might build up the conditions required.

The moment the understanding came, you started immediately to train yourselves and to obey my injunctions to the best of your ability. Soon the sense of effort passed away, and now I can say that my children are able to do that which the vast majority in the physical body find it quite impossible to accomplish: My children can be still, my children can control those nerves, which, from long habit, it would be thought had the upper hand.

You see, dear children, what can be done when the will is there. Only in the silence, only in the quietness - in the quiescence of that which is of the earth - can the spirit be released. So long as the tug of this and that is hearkened to, so the door between you and the Greater Wisdom can be no more than just opened.

It is essential as we go on, that you should cultivate - not only during the time we meet together but during your daily tasks - that you should cultivate the habit of mental repose and of keeping the physical mind as much as possible under control - under the control of the spirit. And the moment you can do this, that sense of worry - the fret, the ever-repeated desire to anticipate the future in an adverse sense - all these things will gradually but definitely fall from you and you will be untrammelled by the physical in its most hampering form...

You see, dear children, that I am obliged to urge you on. It is not for me to say that you have got so far, and you have done well, and now you can rest and enjoy! Indeed, I should be your worst enemy. And tonight I speak to Margaret particularly, in this sense - I ask her a simple question:

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Has she not, during these months of preparation, asked to get on, to get nearer to those things of God which now hold her heart and mind? She will answer: 'Yes!' and so, without beating about the bush, I tell her - as I tell you all - that for the children of the Light there is no lingering at this spot or that - it is upward and onward, ever and ever again.

And if at times the weariness grows great, yet I would remind you that God provides, when the need arises, those resting places into which you can retreat, getting recharged with courage, with strength, and with determination to continue the journey whatever may lie in front. Yes, I repeat - whatever may lie in front! And tonight, dear children, it is my great pleasure to tell you that what lies in front is brightness surpassing anything your minds could conjure up - brightness and that ineffable joy which is of God alone...

That is the future, and the past - with its entangling sorrows, with its haunting sadness, with its questionings as to why this should be so and why that should be so - these things shall be left behind; they belong to you no more, they are of the valley beneath. And strengthened with the strength of the Spirit, we go on, fired with the inspiration which comes to all once they have seen and felt the Love of God. Weariness is unknown, because on either side there are those Messengers of Christ who are there to warn, to guide, to protect; and all you are asked to do - although even this may sound hard to you - is to listen to the Voice of the Spirit...

And that brings me back to that same 'sensitiveness' to which I referred just now. Only by and through that sensitiveness, can you hear the Voice direct. And to those who hear not the Voice of the Spirit as a Voice, I say: Be of good cheer, for there is that within you which listens and understands; and if the Voice fails to penetrate the mind of the body, yet in your heart there is the wish to do as God would have you do, you cannot go astray. Unconsciously to you, you are hearing, with nothing in between, the Voice of God - nothing in between, for when the greater you is attuned to the Divine, the physical mind ceases to exist in any sense there could be, as intervening between you and what is your own.

So, dear children, I leave it here tonight. On another occasion I have much to say about the unfoldment of 'spiritual consciousness'; but, first of all, you must enter in through the door of that 'sensitiveness of perception' before you are in a sufficiently responsive condition to take on the next step...

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Therefore you see, dear children, that the experiences you have been through - and are going through - are not that which has gone wrong, not something which you had overlooked, or that which you had stepped into unaware. They are part of the training, part of the preparation, and not one incident in your life at this stage is not there for a purpose - a Divine purpose: The attuning, the refining, the harmonising, so that when the time comes - only waiting, dear children, for you to be ready - you may take the next step in confidence and there may be no retracing at all...

On, on we go; slowly, it is true, but surely; which is best - and that is my last word tonight before I leave you to enable others to come - slow and sure, and that which is best in every sense there could be; to look around on your conditions, on the routine of the day and to say: 'In this and in that I see God's Hand, and all, all is wonderfully well!'...

Faith shall be justified, hope shall be turned into fulfilment, blindness into sight, misunderstanding into comprehension - that spiritual comprehension when you shall find that all doors shall be opened to you - and welcome, sweet welcome, on either side...

Father, we thank Thee for all Thy many good gifts and protection. Father, we thank Thee again and again...

(Others then spoke...)

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...I want to talk to you this evening about 'Names' because to you they represent so much, and it seems to me that perhaps I may be able to help you - to help you to look at things a little more in the way they are presented to us.

Now, in your world you all have names, and some of you quite a string of them. For instance, the sons and daughters of kings and queens - why! they have a great big burden to carry, for this one and that has to be got in, and it is a serious thing to forget to include the name of someone who matters - matters from the earth point of view.

Names to you are the only way to distinguish certain personalities - but think you for a minute: When the name of any person is mentioned,

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what happens? Immediately you think of them, quite apart from the name they bear - their kindness, their hardness of heart, sometimes their distance from you in thought both in act and sympathy, or - and I like this better - you think of all they would do for you if it were in their power, and how in a limited way they have done much in the way of love, in sending thoughts of strength when you were a little out of heart.

Well, as we have admitted this, I think it won't be difficult for you to follow me when I say that over here names are not necessary at all. You were told that speech is purely a matter of convenience for those bound by the limitations of the physical mind - that it is possible, it is the usual rule in the Realms of the Spirit, to hear and to answer the thoughts of another.

So you see, that if I wished to attract the attention of anyone in the particular conditions I am in, all I have to do is to think of them. Or, for instance, in regard to yourselves: There is no need for me to think of you by name in order to enlist the help of another who is free from the body; you are there in my mind, my thoughts are concentrated upon you; and my companion, hearing, and, if he wishes, seeing my thoughts - well, immediately you are in his mind also - and so the chain of thought gathered together link by link, can be passed on in an unlimited way.

But then you will say: 'How about those who guide the lives of people upon earth? - they have names and are recognised not only by those on earth through those names but also are so described by others who are in the Realms of the Spirit'.

Well, we have got to be logical, and I admit that this is a reasonable attitude to take up. But you see, my dear young friends, that we are trying to impress ourselves upon the physical minds of those still in the body, so adapting ourselves to the habits of the physical mind we assume certain names so that we may be distinguished one from the other - and you must remember that some of those who have laid the body aside are still in a very untutored state so far as the things of the Spirit are concerned. Instinctively they fall back on the earth habit, and they want to know - they question us - what is this one called and what is the name of the other! So names are adopted on our side to please certain members of the family - as a complement or as an act of expediency.

We are named by that which we long to be, and the words chosen are purely symbolical of the quest of the spirit at the stage it has reached, and

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as we pass on, so our name changes and changes again - but only in this sense: Each stage passed through is expressed in the name, and, as I said before, that by which we are called is necessary only for those who are still bound by the habits of physical thinking.

It is a beautiful thought - it should be to you as well - to feel you are able to express yourself by the radiations in which you are surrounded - to express yourself to those to whom you are bound by ties of love in the Spirit...

(Note: At this time and till the termination of the meeting, great inconvenience was experienced by the medium - and consequently by those who spoke through her - owing to the light from the fire, which flamed up and which it was found impossible to screen effectively in the dim light in which the circle is held.)

My dear friends, do not worry. The conditions are against my speaking tonight, but I have perfect faith in God, and I know that what I have been unable to accomplish, that will my Father do far, far better than I could have done... The Name of Love - that to us is the sweetest, the dearest Name of all, and 'Father' and 'Love' are one...

(Zodiac returned and continued...)

...My children, I ask you to send thoughts of love and of gratitude to the one who has tried to speak under such adverse conditions. His love and his faith are great indeed, and with unruffled mind and untroubled heart he took that which has been broken for him and did his best to weld it into a perfect whole.

Not until you come here will you understand the difficulties which we have to encounter; not until you come back yourself, speaking through the body of one whose attitude of mind perhaps is totally different from that which was your own - only then will you realise the faith and the trust, the determination and the courage, required to demonstrate God upon earth in this way - God, who out of His beneficent goodness, seeks ever and ever again to bind His children to Him by every means that Love could think of..

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We have fought a good fight tonight, and we do not intend to relinquish one inch of the advantage so gained. Send us your thoughts and all shall be found to be - if not as well as might be - still far more complete than would be possible if God had not sent down His power and protection in order that we might work through...

My children, I must curtail this evening because the conditions have been rendered too difficult for those who are less experienced than myself to work against. But, as I said in the beginning, beauty and brightness and holiness are in this room tonight, and I don't want this incident to be remembered by you in future except in that precautionary way which is necessary to ensure the successful carrying through of these evenings - the evenings we spend together trying to understand a little more of that which lies within each heart and mind, a little more of that which belongs to the self which is always in touch with God.

There is no need for me to underline my love. Last week it seemed to you I had slipped a little out of my favourite place - that of your loving companion as well as guide. Tonight, dear children - because you forget so soon - I remind you that only by love could I speak to you and demonstrate my presence again and again in this way. Not one who speaks to you comes except by the pathway of love. To you, many seem as strangers, but no stranger - in the world's sense of the word - could come and give a message in these conditions of love, which have been built up by the Grace of God.

You see, dear children, I come back again and again to that all-absorbing theme of 'Love'. In the first place, only by the Love of the Father can this sacred communion be held. Secondly, not one who has not love for you - personal love expressed by service - not one could come and give their message. It is the only road, the only link, the only power which is used or will be used in the work which we have undertaken. And I want you to remember this in regard to others: That what it has not been possible to accomplish with the physical mind, can be done - and will be done - by love and sympathy sent out to contact with the spirit within...

You have said again and again that it is easier, far easier, to love those in the Spirit than your companions upon the earth plane; and I tell you tonight that you will only be following out this experience - and enlarging upon it - if you send thoughts of kindness, of strength, and of

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healing to the spirits of those imprisoned - yea! I say 'imprisoned' in the physical body, which acts as a jailer indeed...

You see, in regard to our position, we are able to put aside that which is of the earth and to speak to the spirit direct; and if, as often is the case, this companionship and communication is unknown to the mind of the body, still, when the body is laid aside, the remembrance of what has taken place - the work done, the preparation, the attuning - all this will have full effect.

So, my children, my last words are these: That you can do much by thought and by prayer... Ignoring the encumbrances in between, you can work directly on the spirit, and, in so doing, you strengthen our hands enormously.

Tonight I leave you not with sadness or with a sense of having failed to do your part, but just with this determination - that in future you will make doubly sure that nothing shall come in between you and direct communion with those who are free...

Rest then in peace, in the thought of the strength and the resources within, laying the weakness of the physical mind, the weariness of the body, the heartaches and disappointments - laying these at the Feet of Christ when they will exist no more...

God's Love be with you and the Spirit of unity and tranquillity hallow your days, preparing you for what is to come... Amen...

Goodnight, my children...



MAN'S TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.

By Zodiac.

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Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

O understanding Mind of Love, with gratitude we gather together, taking advantage once more of this blessed privilege of communing direct with Thee and those who are linked to Thee in aim and purpose... Father, we cannot put into words our gratitude for all Thy care, for Thy protection, for the power vouchsafed again and again to lift and to restore; and more than that, to send us a pace farther on so that we, Thy little children, can look back and see that what we were unable to do ourselves Thou hast done, with a patience past all imagination...

Father and Mother God, help us we pray Thee. Grant that whate'er betide we may rest secure in the thought that faith lies between us and the enemy which would strike...

O God, Thou knowest all things - the hardness of the road, the deceptions, the many pitfalls which, it seems to them, wait for Thy children in order to cause them to stumble, but because Thou understandest everything Thou canst protect; and tonight we affirm with love and gratitude that never hast Thou failed in time of need, and never wilt Thou fail when danger draweth nigh...

O Saviour Christ, grant that this consciousness may so penetrate the physical mind that the powers of darkness may be thrust aside without a qualm of fear; grant that the consciousness of Thy most tender care and protection may bind us unto Thee in faith for evermore... Amen...

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...My children, tonight, perhaps, is one of those evenings when, from an outside point of view, it would seem that conditions were adverse because of undue strain upon my child. But, as you know, God is so good, and when any one of His children have suffered - because they have suffered - so He sends down power and grace in order that it may never even be thought that the Father is not mindful of both the small and the great things which concern His little ones. So, dear children, starting perhaps a little slowly, we shall work through that which is not up to standard, and the evening shall show God's blessing all round.

Tonight there are very many things which I should like to discuss but, as usual, we are limited for time; and so in order to distract your thoughts a little, I think I will speak to you in regard to: 'Man's treatment of Animals'.

Now, all of you, and the vast majority, are singularly compassionate towards the dumb creatures created by God. Some there are who lavish much love upon their pets, and, if not robbing another, then I say this is good in the sight of the Father. But, as you know, it could not be pleasing to that which is Love Itself to overlook human creation in favour of any other... I do not say a 'lower' creation, dear children, because in God's sight these grades do not exist. Humanity and the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms, are separate states, each demanding and receiving the necessary care of which they stand in need... And in regard to plants, later on in our studies I will try and show you how the Love of God is shown in them and how they, in turn, reflect the love of the Creator.

Tonight, however, we are considering animals and their part in the scheme of things; and I say at once that it is not pleasing to God when excessive love is bestowed upon these, and hardness and coldness of heart is shown towards the little children who stand so sorely in need of another's care.

My children, some there are who say they find it far easier to love a dog or a horse than one of these little ones whom Jesus blessed - for in blessing one child He blessed children as a whole - and you do not need me to put it into words in order to grasp it, in an unlimited sense.

Then, dear children, we will turn to the other aspect, which is terrible to some to contemplate. I mean that, now and again, you hear of cases of intense cruelty to one of God's dumb and helpless creatures; and I want to give a word of warning on this subject.

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But first of all, you must remember that death, as death - by which I mean the taking of the life of any animal - is, in reality, bestowing upon it a gift of price. Now keep this point clear in your minds: I say that the surrendering of 'life' and the suffering entailed by the brutality of another is, by reason of what it cost, turned into unparalleled gain to the one concerned.

On the other hand, I tell you - and I emphasise it with all the power at my disposal - that those who, out of carelessness or cruelty, inflict one pang of pain on another who is unable to defend itself, is piling up that which can only be worked out by much, much effort and suffering.

And then, dear children, I pass on to another point, which, naturally, comes into the consideration of this subject - I speak of the slaying of animals for food. Well, dear children, some have debated this as it concerns the law of creation, and I want you to do your best to follow me in what I am going to say.

These animals used for food are a provision of the Almighty for the needs of the physical body, and there is not the slightest responsibility placed upon anyone who kills an animal in as humane a manner as lies at his disposal. But, mark you, that which does not come under the heading of 'humane' is a tremendous mistake, viewed from the psychical aspect and the evolutionary processes of the soul...

But I want you, dear children, to hark back to the remark I made - that the taking of the 'life' of another does not do anything but render a service to the creature concerned - because according to the proportion of suffering, and by the very fact that the carcass is of service to others, so that greater life which was within is helped and is added to in a way you cannot yet understand.

Is it not feasible that God, who is mindful of every sparrow that falls, should be concerned with the suffering, the persecution, and the brutalities inflicted on those entrusted to man's care? It is a tremendous responsibility, and many there are who, on laying the physical body aside, are appalled by the spectacle which meets their gaze - that massing together of the small brutalities which, ere they can continue the upward path, have to be made as non-existent.

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And this applies, dear children, without reserve, to those who, under the name of 'sport' torture that which God has created. Yes, I know it will be said that it has been done throughout the ages, and that it is a healthy exercise, that it is the custom of the world. But the day will come when those who took their amusements in this unspiritual way - when these, with sorrow, will have to go back on their tracks and make good that which was so sadly missing.

Selfishness, or rather, love of self, sometimes can do as much harm as deliberate, preconceived evil thinking. God is not unmindful of the hare or of the fox; each pang suffered by them is reflected in the Heart of Love, and because they are His creation never would He separate Himself from that which is His own...

The world has to change its attitude of mind over many of the so-called customary things of everyday life. And I entreat you, dear children, when the opportunity arises, to put in a word for Christ on this tremendous subject which is so misunderstood.

And then I must refer to another point which, in the minds of my children, has caused serious misgiving - I refer to the extermination of so-called 'pests' which if allowed to increase unchecked, would soon make life quite unbearable from a physical point of view.

My children, a little incident in connection with this has almost passed out of your minds, but we do not forget. I speak of the little mouse and its distressing end which caused tears from at least one of my children and prayers from others. Well, dear children, I want you to know this for your comfort: That you are well within your rights - indeed you are called upon to so regulate your household, that only that which promotes health is allowed to obtain a footing. Yet I would add just this: That your tenderness over the sufferings of the helpless can be, and has been, used by the Mind of Love to mitigate that pain which follows as a natural course.

You see, dear children, how wonderful are the spiritual laws that govern your life and mine, and nature in all its forms, and every living creature. No thought of compassion, no shrinking of the heart from the pain of another ever falls to the ground unused by the Father. So you see, dear children, that even in this way you can soften the suffering of others. There is not one of you who has not again and again thrown over some dumb creature, as it were, an anodyne which mitigated its suffering. I tell

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you for your great comfort that God is happy in His children when they send thoughts of healing - which means compassion - in the direction of that which is helpless to defend itself.

I think I have made the matter clear, and I cannot tonight go into the part which animals have in the scheme of things. But you have been told that certain animals have been seen on this side, and therefore know that they have their place amongst those who are free from the body.

Everything has its place. That is what I want to leave on your minds tonight. To you, very often, nature appears as a cruel and pitiless monster, and the suffering that goes on on either side, to you, is appalling in its many ramifications.

But I beg you, next time when such a thought arises, to remember the words which appear in your own precious Record - that the Father is mindful of every sparrow that falls (St. Matt. 10: 29; St. Luke 12: 6).

You cannot grasp this, and neither can I, but I see and I know that in each living thing is God - in the sense that it was created by Him - and He acknowledges His responsibility towards it.

You have much to be thankful for, my children; and one of the things which should call forth your greatest gratitude is that sensitiveness over the pangs of others, which are so often overlooked by the many who are immersed in themselves. It is a privilege to feel for others, and even - or rather because - you suffer in so doing, so it is adding power and enlightenment to yourself, because sympathy is an attribute of God, and each one of us who can gather it unto ourselves shortens the length of the bridge between us and that which we want to be, and that which God intends us to rise to.

Well, my children, I must not stay any longer tonight because last week, as you know, the personal messages had to be severely curtailed, and I do not like this to occur because your dear ones so look for the opportunity to speak direct. You cannot understand, my little ones, what it is to us to come in this way and to express in words the love and the understanding that we have for you all, and for humanity at large.

And in connection with this, there is one to whom I would direct your attention. Those who are bound to you by ties of love, of relationship, and those strong cords of friendship - these pass through your minds with

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regularity, and they are able to take advantage of their turn when it arrives, without undue struggle to overcome the opposing forces. But there are others who, from your point of view, are strangers, both from a physical standpoint and also as far as their characteristics are concerned, for as yet they have had little opportunity to demonstrate these in person.

There is one tonight to whom I refer directly - one, who by long years of service, of watchfulness, of unceasing prayer and unbroken patience, has linked himself to your lives and to the work for evermore. When you come here, dear children, you will be amazed to see the close and loving friendship which exists in the Spirit between you and what you would call 'total strangers'. It will be a wonderful revelation, and if a pang of compunction is felt as well, then love will soon cover that over and all will be as God intended.

The one to whom I would direct your attention has appeared in these records under the name of 'Mr Taylor', and by God's direction I bring in his loving personality tonight. He will come when an opportunity offers - not necessarily this evening - but send him thoughts of friendship, of gratitude, and of sympathetic understanding, for he has done much, has suffered much, has overcome much, in order to make his presence known among you. And there I leave it...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, there is so much peace in this room tonight that could you but see things as they are, you would know that Christ is here - not only in the vibrations, with all their beauty and power, but indeed is enshrined in every heart.

Sorrow may beat against the window-panes of the soul, but safe and secure inside, that soul can look at the tumult without and say: 'We have nothing in common!' I want you, dear children, to visualise things to yourselves in this way: To be certain and sure that you are protected, that you are guarded on every side; and though that which represents destruction and danger may be outside, yet, like a tempest that beats on the window-pane, it never reaches that which is within.

Dorrie, I have a word for you here: I say that you are to believe that the protection is complete, that you are to believe that God understands you better than you understand yourself, and that you are centred in Divine Love for evermore.

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And now, my children, for my closing words. They must be brief because my child is almost spent, but I ask you to have them written on your heart and mind:

That God, being your Father, wishes to show you what a Father's love is like. And those things which you have laid aside, perforce and with sorrow, yet those things, because they were parted with with as much willingness as you could find, they will represent treasure in the days to come. They have provided the weapons by which we work, for only by the negation of self - in the sense of giving up that which the physical self craves so much - only by that was it possible that this work should have spread, should have thrived and developed and produced a beauty which shall never fade...

Yes, dear children, the little seedling that I told you about a long time ago has turned into a tree, and the tree has many branches, and those branches - in God's good time - will produce seeds and trees of their own; and what was once a barren wilderness shall no more be shown as such, but as a place where many may find shelter and rest and refreshment, because God's blessing is on those who sowed in ignorance, yet sowed in faith...

I bless you with courage and with renewed determination, not only to demonstrate God upon earth, but to do your best to reflect the Christ within. And in saying this, dear children, I have the infinite assurance that God's strength will be forthcoming, and that you will make good in spite of backward thoughts - make good, when regret no more will have a place in your heart and mind...

Goodnight, my little ones.



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By Zodiac.

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Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

O Great Healer of the heart, the mind and the body, we present ourselves once more before Thee with faith, with trust and with confidence; and we know that, as we wait, so the blessing descends upon us, and we are recharged with vitality and with those needs of the body which must be there in order to carry this work on without hindrance.

Saviour Christ, we know that Thou art always more ready to listen than we are to pray: yet because Thou knowest the frailty and the weakness of Thy children so Love steps in, and taking our wish to be even as the accomplished thing, Thou leadest us on out of the desert experience into the Summerland of understanding.

Give us this day our daily bread - that food for the soul, that inspiring of the physical mind - so that we may start anew, each day beginning anew to work out that which Thou hast ordained, forgetting yesterday and not anticipating tomorrow... just starting each fresh day with renewed courage and determination, realising that we are following the guidance of the Holy Spirit. And so guarded and protected, nothing can go amiss, and all will be shown in the happy years to come as threads in the Great Pattern - the Great Pattern on which we have been privileged to work for the redemption and the raising up of mankind.

Father God, we thank Thee, and we ask Thee that we may be taught how to be truly grateful - how to be truly grateful in an understanding way for all the gifts which Thou hast showered upon us. Teach us, O Father, so that we may teach others, and they, in turn, may pass on the glorious message of

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hope, of cheer and joy - that perfect joy which comes when close communion with Thee is once firmly established... Amen...

...Good evening, my children, and once again we meet together in great peace. Sometimes, my little ones, it seems to you that peace has slipped a little over the border, but if you could see things as they are you would know that this was but a misrepresentation on the part of the shadows, who - as I have told you before - spend much time and effort on building up 'False Pictures' - and the children of earth, in ignorance, think that these travesties of the real represent life as ordained by the Father.

When, however, the children get a little older they are not so easily deceived, and when such mental pictures are presented before them they say: 'No, before I accept this I am going to get down to facts!' So with a will, point by point, they compare the features of the counterfeit picture with the details of their life at the time; and if this is carried through faithfully, before long they discover they have very nearly been tricked again.

My children, in this there is a warning for you all - for all those who are going through their earthly experiences. In regard to my own children, I am as it were, the guardian of their happiness - for this glorious quest on which we have embarked is the only true happiness there is - and I, as guardian of their happiness, bid them take care. It is only just, when two points of view are brought before your attention, to analyse them both with equal patience and thoroughness. It is no use taking the one and agreeing that it is accurate and refusing to examine the other side of the shield...

My children, sunless days upon earth have a way of lowering the vitality of the body, as you know - it is a disadvantage which has to be fought against. But I say this tonight: Is it wise to shut out the sunshine of the Vision Splendid, and so add to the darkness of the physical world the twilight of the Spirit?

You see, dear children, I have a great responsibility in regard to you all. I have called you out of the beaten track; I have urged you to try the sharp, steep road which leads into the understanding of the Greater Wisdom; I have bidden you forsake much which the majority rightly consider an integral part of daily life - all these things I have done, and more, I did them deliberately - I did them by instruction of my Master Christ. But in no sense does that lift the responsibility from me, and I say

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tonight that I am conscious of this - I accept it down to the tiniest detail or portion.

On the other hand, you must remember this: That in calling you out of the busy, careless crowd I did not do so without good reason. In the first place, I saw that you would listen to my voice, that you would heed my guiding care. Then I saw the next stage and the next - the strain, the weariness and the struggle; and what was more I saw - and I told you at the time - I saw the fierce battles which must come as an inevitable part of the journey - the battles with the evil forces, which have shaken older and stronger pilgrims than my little children here tonight.

You see, I am keeping back nothing - I kept back nothing from the beginning if you will consider my words - but God's gracious goodness threw a veil over their meaning, in the sense that He would not allow you to live through those troublous times in anticipation. The Father knew that when the test came you would want all your courage and endurance - that you would also have to fall back on those resources which had been gathered together by the many years of preparation...

Well, dear children, from an outside point of view, it would seem that I have played rather a cruel part. I led my children away from their kind; I induced them to give up the few toys which remained in their possession, and I started them on a very hard and difficult road which I knew held determined enemies - I will not say 'dangerous' because I have told you from the beginning that the protection is complete...

Ah, my children, it sounds rather a sorry story; and yet it is the brightest and the best and the most beautiful that could be imagined. For, remember, I saw too the enemies overthrown, the sadness despatched forever, and joy and gladness and unity on every side; my little charges no longer bent beneath their burdens but rejoicing in the brightness and the sweetness that is all around.

My children, it was necessary to speak on this point tonight, because we have reached a stage in our journey when it seems to those gifted only with half-sight as if darkness lies before even as it lies behind.

So you see, dear children, that I, as your loving companion, as your guide, as the one who, in Christ's Name, calls you on - I am sensible of my responsibility; and I want you, as much as possible, to forbid the dark days in your world to cast a shade over that part of your mind, which, of

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necessity, is in an extremely sensitive condition just now. These encounters, dear children, leave their mark for the time being; and there are those among you who are only conscious of the wounds, and the sense of victory has been obliterated by the weariness of the contest.

I speak to all, for each, in a different way, according to the point they have reached, have had their struggles and, in proportion, they are suffering from a sense of shock. But oh, dear children, isn't it wonderful to think that in comparatively so short a time, we have got so far? Isn't it glorious to think that we can mark off so many of these encounters as that which has taken place, and not that which lies before us? Yes, I think, viewing things in the broad way - in the way of the Spirit - it must impress you that you have every reason to rejoice, and that really at this stage mourning is a little out of place.

I want you to consider, dear children, one thing more, and that is the generosity of our Father God. Put it to yourselves: Just suppose that there were friends who loved you well enough to undertake a long and dangerous journey - dangerous so far as physical well-being was concerned - that you heard that these dear ones had started. And you were in the position of witnessing, although, apparently, afar off, their many trials and vexations. Then, as they proceeded, the real suffering which came as an inevitable result; and, again, those treacherous passes, those sharp rocks on either side - that from your point of vantage you were able to witness their sense of dismay, their wondering how it would be possible to proceed. And then you noted with pleasure, that after a little consideration - and perhaps delay - they go forward, braving the anticipated dangers and certainly enduring both weariness of mind and body.

Well, I think as you watched your friends advancing, and as you saw how strong was the love within their hearts - how anxious they were to see you - well, dear children, wouldn't it be only natural that you would look round and see how you could welcome them in a way that expressed something of what you felt...

It is a crude illustration but it must serve. Of course the great difference between you and Christ lies in this way: That the Saviour never watches merely, but shares; that the Saviour is never afar off but at your side, and that the Saviour does not wait until the journey's end to show His love in an outward and visible way, but, step by step, as the pilgrim progresses, so are the gifts of the Spirit found on either side...

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You see, dear children, that when I talk to you everything is so beautifully simple, so straightforward, so exactly like Love Itself.

And so I would remind you of the picture, the false picture which evil builds up so eagerly, hoping that it may catch your eye. Tonight I am presenting the truth as it stands; and I think you will allow that it is only fair to view both the real and the unreal and to see to which your heart responds the most.

Once you can get firmly fixed in your physical mind the companionship of Christ - that intimate, personal companionship which is never absent from you for one second - if once you could get a grip on that, then I should not have to point out the glories and the beauties of the quest on which you are engaged. And it is that great comfort which the shadows are so determined to prevent.

But, children, as you have been told before, in everything there are two voices - one the Voice of God, and the other the voice of the world. If you listen to the second you cannot hear the first; and, again, if you listen to the Voice of the Spirit, its sweetness blots out any other voice there could be.

Oh, it is not so hard; it is far easier than man understands, but the first stages are difficult, I own. Once the tests have been put and accepted, once evil has been faced as evil and overcome, then, dear children, comes the dawning of that harmony of the Spirit, and its influence is so great, so attractive, both to the mind and heart, as well as to the soul, that the struggle is o'er. The real self within yields itself up to the Divine counterpart. It is, as it were, as though for a time something had come in between two great forces - the force within and that all-enveloping force which you call 'the Spirit'.

But I tell you - and this applies to all, although with some the breach indeed seems great - I tell you the force of the Spirit is of so dominant a character that that which is within - its counterpart in miniature - must be reunited, must go back to its Source. And though all the powers of evil may concentrate on preventing this, yet because that which is within belongs to God, nothing can prevent the unity in the end. The Father stretches out His Hand, and the soul, waking from its sleep, gets one glimpse of Beauty - nothing more at that stage. But that revelation of Beauty - which can be made its own - so rouses within the desire for the highest and the best that it is only a question of time...

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And here, my little ones, once more I bring in the exquisite patience of our Father God. It seems to you sometimes that you make so little progress; that, in going through your own heart and mind, you see so many weeds and the flowers are delicate indeed. But, children, have I not told you that the first thing a gardener has to learn is patience? And so it should not be difficult for you to grasp how your Father feels - He who is patience itself; patience in a way that can think of aeons and aeons of time and build for the future, knowing that although man may stray far from His loving guidance, yet His care can reach to the furthest point... And though the guidance has been rejected, yet His Love, at last, shall turn the steps of the wanderer home...

Oh, my little ones, do not lose heart. I am in rather a difficult position: If I tell you not to grieve over your limited spiritual resources, then I am blocking your progress; yet, dear ones, if I say to you that you should have done better, then I am not representing the Father's attitude towards you at all. Keep these two points clear: The Father calls you on and on because He knows that safety and happiness lie in front, because He knows that once past this difficult stage you are protected from sorrow - as you regard sorrow - for evermore.

But, at the same time, the Father understands that to children the road is heavy indeed, and though the call rings out again and again: 'Come up higher and I will show you the things I have prepared for you', yet even as the words go forth, the Father understands that it is difficult to hasten the pace; and His love and protection and companionship are with you every step of the way. There is no blame in the Mind of Love because the steepness of the road brings forth your sadness; nothing but perfect understanding of the child's view towards the unknown...

My children, tonight I am most anxious to comfort you in every way I can, I am so anxious to bring into your midst - nay, into your hearts and minds - some realisation of God and His unlimited Love. It is terrible to us - we who have seen and who know that Love, so far as we are able to take it in - it is terrible to us that the little children of the earth find it so hard to get the 'personal' aspect of the Love of Christ. 'God so loved the world' (John 3:16)... yes, but even that statement does not convey the personal side, which the Father has tried, is trying, and will never cease to try to force upon the physical minds of His little ones on earth.

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The 'universal' Love of the Father presents one element of danger, from our point of view: In saying that 'God so loved the world', it conveys to the mind of many unconsciously, a generalisation rather than the personal aspect, which is literal fact. Say then to yourselves, dear children: 'God loves me; Christ is my Saviour; the Father has me under His direct care'. This is not selfishness. I put that in because to some minds it may read thus. But what humanity is crying out for today is a personal Christ, a personal God, an individual Father, and until we can force this on the physical minds of men and women so will the mourning and the grieving and the misunderstanding go on.

Because God is the Father of the world, of the Realms of the Spirit, and of all those states and conditions which are far beyond your range, it does not alter this Divine truth: That from the highest to the lowest, and from the lowest to the highest - so far as spiritual attainment is concerned - God is the personal, individual Father of each one; that He is the Christ, the Saviour, the Redeemer of each one, and you are bound to Him by that strongest tie of all - you are of Him. Because within there is that emblem of God, that aspect of the Godhead, that priceless part of the Creator - within you is the Holy Spirit, which is God - and in recognising your kinship, your sonship, and your daughtership, you are only acknowledging that which is your own...

My children, it has been difficult to convey my meaning - difficult because your language is so limited, your conception of Love so limited, your understanding of the Father so terribly limited as well. But just try and take from my words something of what it means to be a child who wants to love God; something of the happiness, the harmony, and the infinite joy of - when you are free from the body - meeting your Father face to face and receiving from Him the kiss which a Father bestows upon one whom He has cherished and guarded and watched right back through those long periods of time which entirely escape your imagination...

There I must leave it. I pray God that greater understanding may come, that the joy - which you have worked for - can be taken, taken as your right, taken as an inseparable part of your physical daily life - and in so making it your own you may get some reflection of the illimitable Love behind it...

(Others then spoke...)

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(Late President of the Psycho-Therapeutic Institute...)

...It is Lonsdale, Mrs Moyes, and I think I am a bit overdue; anyhow, I hope you do.

Tonight, I am going to get away from the subject of healing the body and get on to that of healing the soul... (Unable to proceed)...

...Mrs Moyes, it may seem rather strange to you that I had a little difficulty just now; but, as you know, I am more used to speaking through what we call 'physical' mediums, and coming to you like this I made the mistake of forgetting the conditions.

Now I'd like to speak to you about that. You have heard that when we are out of the body, we can only penetrate into those conditions to which we are attuned. You know also that those who are more highly developed can, however, work in, or pass through, all the conditions under their range, right down to the lowest... I have put that badly but I think you will know what I mean, for you have had it proved that the highly evolved very often choose to work in those conditions which are called by us when on earth 'the under-worlds'.

Another point: Although we are unable to penetrate - without preparation - into spiritual conditions above our own, of course, there is no barrier; it is simply that it causes a sense of acute distress when we try. Yet it means that after trying we set to work with double vigour to fit ourselves for those higher conditions, which are just beyond us. It is a great impetus - an enormous one to those who are spiritually awake...

Yet, you see what happened tonight - in stepping into the body, the sense of pleasure, partly, of being amongst old friends, and partly unwatchfulness of the shadows, nearly wrecked my chance of speaking at all. I was conscious at once of that same distress - at the moment I was not attuned to the conditions which are here...

Now, there is another point - I am used to anticipating difficulties and I believe in despatching them as they come... Perhaps you will ask how is it that any of us can come and speak in these wonderfully fine conditions? The answer is simply this: Only by the Love of God. But there is one thing that has got to be there - we have got to wish and to pray that we may be in harmony with that which He has provided. And, during this time, when the power of the Holy Spirit is lent for the purpose, we can -

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through the same power of the Spirit - penetrate into conditions which are away and beyond anything we have ever tried to reach - 'beyond' in such an extensive way that I have got to leave it...

Now, Mrs Moyes, this may seem rather beside the point in regard to the healing of the soul, but it is part of it. With those who have started the work of personal preparation, this healing up of the soul-body and the soul-mind is a task that taxes all our resources; and, again, it is bound up with that spiritual sensitiveness which has already been touched upon.

People on earth haven't the faintest idea of the effort - the unceasing effort - of those in the Spirit, in trying to protect those upon earth; or if entire protection is not possible, then to heal up those illnesses of the soul-body brought about by their experiences - by that most natural desire of the spirit within to penetrate into conditions which are just beyond their present capacity. Now, I have just given you an outline of what is going on - the gigantic task on which we are engaged.

The healing of the physical body and the healing of the soul-body, in some cases, must run side by side; or rather I'll put it this way: Once we can heal up the soul-body - that is, cover it by love - and love is the only thing that is any good, we see at once when we come here - if we can once blot out the wounds of the soul-body, by covering them up with love, then immediately the person concerned is conscious of harmony - which really is unity with God.

In some cases, when this is done, the physical body responds as a matter of course; but sometimes we have to work the other way round.

It is just the same as has been said so often: You cannot talk to a starving man about God - you must feed him first; the body is in so low a state that the man is concerned only with his physical pangs and it is not possible for him, in that condition, to think of God first and his hunger second. Of course, there are well-tried servants of the Master who have done this; but I am speaking of the spiritually ignorant, who must be fed before their minds can think of God...

It is the same, I say, with some people whose bodies give them no rest. The mere fact of the prominence of the physical in their minds - its unwelcome prominence - blocks out the love and the protecting care of the Creator...

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You see, Mrs Moyes, that life out of the body is not exactly a 'rest cure'. We work as we never dreamt it was possible to work before; and I can tell you that once we have seen with the eyes of the spirit, we have the capacity of a dozen to work, instead of only one.

But what I am trying to get through tonight is this: That the well-being of the soul-body is affected directly by the lack of well-being of the physical body; and, again, that the well-being of the physical body is affected by the illnesses of the soul-body. And it is that bringing into harmony of the two which would solve all the problems that the earth has ever known.

I want you to be practical; I want you all to treat yourselves like this: When life seems suddenly darkened, to get down to the root of things and to find out whether it is illness of the physical body or of the soul-body - it's one or the other. I don't care a rap about conditions - the conditions of physical life are secondary - because, as you know yourself, without those conditions being altered, you are conscious, sometimes, of the light-heartedness of a child.

When others, too, are finding things rather difficult, try and regard them in this way: That the physical body or the soul-body is out of repair; and you know that when it is a question of the things of the Spirit, the only balm there is - the only healing power that has ever been known - is unselfish love...

And in this connection I do ask you, as a personal favour, to try and remember the old tie between us; to remember - yes, I am allowed to say it - that there was a time when you came to me and I could soothe your physical body and heal the mind of the soul. I thank God that this greatest gift of all was given to me, and I thank God that He showed me how to use it, and that, so far as my vision went, I did not abuse it.

Once you have experienced the unspeakable joy of putting the soul-body of another into harmony with the spirit within - of bringing about that unity between child and Father, humanity and God - once this privilege has been your own, then you can say indeed that the joy of the angels is in your heart, because God has used you to express Himself...

I feel tonight strangely young, and yet strangely old; I feel that the imperishable youth of the Spirit is nearer to being possessed by me than ever before. We have to work for it - for that imperishable youth of the

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Spirit - we work out of the memory of age into illumination, and as that illumination comes so are we conscious that age is falling from us, and, finally - so far as my own limited understanding goes - the imperishable youth of the Spirit is made our own.

I said, too, I felt strangely old, because on coming back into the body I am reminded that I was an old man when I passed out - strangely old, strangely sad, strangely limited was that old man. I see it now. And yet in spite of all that and more, God was able to use me - and that's the last thought I want to leave with you tonight:

That God is able to use that which we should think impossible; use it in His great design; use it for His unlimited purpose. That is the glory of God, demonstrated on earth by and through His children, in order that we may emerge out of inexperience into that wide yet perfectly simple knowledge of the things which are of Him... We emerge from physical old age into the youth of the Spirit; and though as children we turn to God with faith and trust, yet it is by experience and through experience only that that simple faith and trust is made our own. Yes, I feel strangely young tonight and yet strangely old.

But I mustn't keep you too long. I am going now but I ask you to call upon me more. I ask you all, out of your tender remembrance of me, to recall that God gave me the power not only to heal weak physical bodies but also to restore and to make whole the soul-body and to give it consciousness of its affinity with God...

My dear friends, there are some things that cannot be expressed, and one of these is my love for you all. But it is there. It was there, it is there, it is growing as I grow, and as I grow so the power will come - but I need your love as well. With all my heart I say I need your love as well... Goodnight...

(When all had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, we must close now because the time has gone, and nearly - but not quite - my child's strength as well.

Now that's just a little point which is so often overlooked. I want you to remember this always: That although, at times, you feel that your strength is going, God will always step in before the last stage is reached.

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This is speaking of an extreme case. But I am ever mindful of that 'suggestive' work of the shadows, and so I am referring more to the times when, in imagination, you feel that the last straw has been laid upon your back, and that nothing remains but to bow under the load.

Now, dear children, I am not laughing at you - not a bit of it, because I understand so well. Yet I do want you to get things into their right proportion; to realise that this is opposite to Love, and that instead of the Father allowing burden upon burden to be thrown upon His helpless children, even as the days go on the burdens that are there are being lightened, they are being sorted out, and those which have served their purpose tossed aside...

Perhaps you haven't thought of things like that. Yet, my little ones, go back on the last few months and you will say: 'Zodiac is right!' And Zodiac, because he speaks by the direction of his Master, is going to be right all through.

That which God has ordained will come to pass. And in His good time, as was promised, wildernesses and deserts will give place to gardens of the Spirit; and in those gardens are beauties and sweetnesses and joys too great, too near to God, to be put into words by me...

Rest then, dear children, in the thought of the Father's care. Hold close the gift of a personal, individual Christ, and say to yourselves: 'God is my Father and I am safe'... God is your Father, and you are safe indeed.

The peace that we found here has grown, and has gained such power that I think you are conscious of it in a way that perhaps has not been possible before. The peace of God and the strength of the Holy Spirit have closed you in, far from the world and its noisy unrest... yes, closed you in, binding you fast to Holiness - the Holiness which you have set out to find, and which, in God's Name, I can say you shall find in very truth...

Goodnight, my little ones.



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O Divine Father of Love, Thy little children assembled here tonight thank Thee for all Thy good gifts, for Thy care, for Thy watchfulness, Thy unceasing patience. Help us, we pray Thee, to emerge out of our lesser self into the self of the spirit, which understands something of truth, of holiness, and of love. Grant that we may be able to yield ourselves up to the Spirit; to forget the world and its harassing details, to forget sorrow, and to forget those pleasures which sometimes attract so much - to lay aside that physical self in the effort, the determination to contact with that which is Divine.

Father, although we seem to ask so much, yet we are but obeying Thy direction, we are but seeking to respond to thy injunction to know ourself - that self which Thou hast entrusted to each one, that self which ever and ever again Thou seekest to free, to unfold, even as the bud unfolds to the sun which shines above it.

Saviour Christ, look down upon us with eyes that see beneath the surface the longings that are there, the wish to rise, the endeavour to reach out into infinity - to reach out and touch Love itself...

Father, we feel Thy blessing is indeed upon us. Give us the grace to take of that gift, and may it strengthen and encourage us on our journey - the journey which we are determined to finish gloriously. With gratitude we raise our hearts and minds. Take from each one that which they have to offer, and grant that the power to give may grow... for Christ's sake... Amen...

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...Well, dear children, we meet in the silence of the Spirit. And I want you to so attune your hearts and minds that your undivided attention may be given to God - to banish thoughts that are not entirely of Him - for if you will endeavour to do this to the best of your ability, then I can promise, with so much happiness, that indeed you shall contact with Holiness itself. Offer then your hearts and minds to the One to whom they belong.

Tonight the opportunity has been provided to discuss with you one or two of those points which cause difficulties in the physical mind - points, moreover, which are used directly by the shadows to, as it were, cast a slight shade between the spirit within and the Great Spirit to whom we owe our being...

Children, there are many ways of finding God, as you have been told. There are many ways of following His teaching; and it is not necessary for me to emphasise the fact that he who wishes to do or to think aright shall find that when the physical body is laid aside, that indeed he worshipped God with a clean heart.

Yet, dear children, it has saddened you - as well as those countless millions in the Spirit - to find, sometimes, that the full light of revelation, as it were, shines not directly on the person concerned, but at a slight angle.

It is difficult for me to express in words my meaning, but think you of what you call 'astigmatism', as it relates to physical sight. You know that, in the eye so built, the light without fails to shine on a given point within; and, therefore, while the owner is able to see much - the beauties of nature, the glories of the sun, the moon and the stars - yet he knows, and you know, that although 'sight' is there, as sight it is imperfect.

Children, there are some still cabined in the physical body who are in a similar position in regard to spiritual sight and understanding. The revelation - that magnetic beauty which shines upon all without distinction - that light from the All-Light is hampered by the fact that the physical minds of some are not quite in focus with it; and although many powers are theirs, yet the full splendour of illumination just misses them by that tiny fraction which differentiates between true vision - perfect vision - and that which is one stage less.

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Children, tonight, I am going to give you a plain statement in regard to the 'Immaculate Conception', as some name it, and the birth of He whom you name Christ.

In the first place I send your minds back to a very early evening when we talked over together the character of Mary, the mother of Our Lord. I told you then that she had been prepared for this sacred use, that much experience, in the spiritual sense, was her own before she entered on her earthly journey.

Now, dear children, I am not here tonight to argue or to try to tear down any theories or doctrines or beliefs held by others; I am here to make a clear and definite statement of facts as they were and are and will be for evermore.

Mary was not protected from evil except by her own purity of heart, gained and fought for through those long periods of time which are beyond your imagination. It was because of that preparation that she was chosen. And, as I have told you before, the whole reason and purpose of that earthly experience undertaken by our Father God, was that man should never be in a position to say: 'God cannot understand!'

In regard to the conception (of the Christ-Child), the purity of the girl and the part she played throughout: I state definitely that she was of God, in the sense that she had tried to follow the teaching laid down by Him - to get nearer in spirit to the Great Spirit. And although that I allow that her physical mind may have appeared limited indeed, you and I, dear children, know that independently of the physical mind and its powers, the soul within, unrestricted, can soar and can contact with God.

It seems curious to us why the 'miracle' of the conception should provide such a stumbling-block in the mind of man. That the Creator of all - of those marvellous details of nature, of the heavenly worlds and constellations, of the secrets of so-called science - it seems curiously strange to us that the One who brought into being not only your little world, but those vaster, greater worlds and spheres and states beyond - that He who thought out the construction of the physical body in which Our Lord was carried - that this simple miracle, if you like to call it thus, should be considered beyond His power or imagination...

My children, this is a very serious subject. It is a jewel which has been given to mankind: That priceless gift of God - as man - going through

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the same experiences as you and I, knowing and feeling just as the least of His little ones; Divinity taking on so simply, so wonderfully simply, those experiences with us on earth - that this should be discredited, that this should be ruled out of court as something which strains the powers of reasoning to breaking point, is hard to understand...

My children, it is not easy to find suitable words with which to treat this subject. It is difficult for me to adequately express even a tithe of what this gift means - I mean the coming of Our Lord as an infant, in a home which was not congenial from many points of view, in an environment which meant a stern hold on the physical mind and physical will - not favoured by circumstances in any sense - that Child bearing all, overcoming everything, always with one thought in view: The revelation to man of Love Divine. Not of power, not of greatness - in the sense that the physical mind accepts it - but to reveal Love Divine, unlimited in understanding, in compassion and hope.

And then there is another point which I would bring in here: Some of you think, or have thought, that humanity as a whole is not ready yet for the further gift of Truth which is even now being unfolded to you (in these Messages); but dear children, I ask you to go back on the life of Our Lord. In looking at things dispassionately, comparing the times then with the time now, you would be forced to say that the coming of the Messiah was even less opportune than the presenting of this further explanation of Truth today. I remind you that when Christ said: 'I and the Father are One', they stoned Him. Yet, dear children, you have only to look round and you will see that although those of His own generation and kind stoned Him for expressing Truth, little by little, slowly - yes, slowly indeed - that statement became an accepted fact by countless thousands, and it stands today.

Today, my little ones, there may be some who, as it were, find their minds fixed not on the Light itself but on the reflection of the Light; yet for your comfort I tell you all, that, in the years to come, these same earnest seekers shall come back to the children of the earth and announce with joy that they have found the Truth indeed - the Truth as expressed in Christ our Saviour, God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit; One yet Three: Three but One.

Children, there are those who cannot wait for the full revelation to come - I mean in this sense: I have told you before that the unfoldment of spiritual consciousness must, of necessity, be a slow process. I have told

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you that, in God's good time, the petals of the flower will be unravelled and the beauty will be complete. But the conditions of the physical world do not tend to promote swift growth in this direction, and some there are who cannot wait for the consciousness within to come - the mind is so active, so full of vitality that it has got to answer every question now - and that's where the mistake comes in.

My children, there are many experienced ones on this side who never attempt to express a final opinion on any subject which has come under their attention, even though they may be gifted with spiritual sight. They speak with due reserve, as you have noticed again and again with your loved ones. Within them is the warning that finality can never be reached, and the only One who understands the beginning and the end is God, the Creator of us all.

You see my point: That when it concerns great truths, or what you sometimes name as 'great mysteries', it is wiser to be silent - wiser in this sense: Not because the God of Love is injured or damaged by an open expression of these half-denials - but because, when fuller understanding comes, the one concerned, who was so anxious to get to the heart of things, will suffer in proportion...

My children, when you hear the God in Christ denied, do not feel indignant for His sake, but send out your compassion to those who are held back - held back, remember, only by the construction of the physical mind, only by that tiny lack of focus - send out your prayers to them because, loving God so much, they will suffer when they come here and it will take all our love, and more, to heal the wound...

You see, dear children, that we punish ourselves. There is not one thought which fails to come up to the highest which does not, even in your daily life, bound back and strike you ere it passes beyond your memory. This is a spiritual law - Love Itself - when you understand the principle underlying it. Only by the working out of that which is 'error' against the Divinity within, only by that process which you call 'cause and effect', can the soaring soul step into radiance when it is free from its physical bondage.

Let that thought sink in and know, dear children, that because compunction comes for this or for that, when you realise you have failed your better self - that this is God's most loving way, so that the multitude of definite formations which, unconsciously, you have built by thought,

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that these may not have to be grappled with when your earthly sojourn is ended.

Then I want you, dear children, in your daily lives, to bear this in mind - and it follows on quite naturally on my remarks last week in regard to a personal, individual Christ and Father - I want you to remember that as you are able to bring Light to others - or in failing to do this pray that the fuller Light may be born within - as you are able to reflect the Love of Christ to others, so, unconsciously, both to them and to you, you are demonstrating the Divinity, the Godhead of the Man of Sorrows, who was acquainted with the griefs of physical existence.

That brings me down to the whole meaning and purpose of our Father God dwelling amongst us; that purpose of demonstrating to those on earth that Love stopped at nothing in order to express Itself, and to bring reassurance to the little children who wandered hither and thither in ignorance, or in spiritual loneliness.

There is one other point which I cannot leave untouched, and that is in regard to the great and holy men who, by many, have been looked upon as God, or as an expression of God upon earth.

There is not one, from the strongest to the weakest, who has ever helped another to live more spiritually who has not gained the direct blessing of God. And these great teachers who, to an enormous extent, influenced the minds and lives of their fellows - these great and holy sons of God have entered into unspeakable conditions, have gathered unto themselves those rarest gifts of the Spirit and are centred in Love Divine for evermore.

As you know, theories and dogma and doctrines are swept over the borders by the strong wind of purity and holiness of thought, and in your minds you are perfectly right to give honour where honour is due. But there is one thing which I must emphasise tonight: Following on my statement that it is the 'life' that counts, then I ask you to take the life of Our Lord from childhood until the physical end, and to compare it point by point with those others - and you will find that Christ stands alone.

I am not speaking of His miracles, of the power He had over the elements or over the wayward hearts of the children of the earth - I am speaking of that simple, patient life of service, that great Heart, that perfect charity and forgiveness, that perfection of Love - and I say to you

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all, dear children, that you have your answer there. Yet, in so saying, I belittle not the great and holy lives of others - the sacrifices, the stern self-discipline - they are, as I said, centred in Love Divine for ever and for ever. But there was One who was greater than these, greater and simpler too.

Keep that simplicity definitely in your minds because it so expresses Love in its highest form - the Love that could strip itself of everything - everything that makes physical life bearable to a sensitive soul - and in poverty, in loneliness of mind, He trod His earthly way, shedding those imperishable flowers of holiness and tenderness. And when every prophet shall be forgotten as such, He who was stoned for expressing Truth, He shall remain enshrined - I do not say 'enthroned' - but 'enshrined' in the hearts of His children because He expresses Love - unlimited Love - and Love has to be answered by us all... yea, even by those who as yet know nothing of the meaning of Love. But so great is that Love that it shall draw them in and raise them up, for the patience of our Father God has no beginning and no end...

My little ones, you will have seen once more that I am trying to express the inexpressible, that I am trying to describe that which baffles all description. But I pray God that He will, through that inner consciousness within, allow you to fasten on to something of the great and glorious Truth I am seeking to unfold...

My children, I am loath to leave you, but there are others who are equally anxious to make their presence felt in this way, so with deep, deep love and perfect understanding we part for a little while - part, yes, it seems thus to you, but where my children are there gathers Zodiac, for you are my own - in Christ's Name I say you are my own. My little flock is precious indeed to me. I not only know you all by name - those names that belong to the Spirit - but your hearts and minds are as open books and there is not one tiny item which you could ever say that has eluded my tender and loving attention.

Yes, dear children, the cords between us grow tighter and tighter, as was promised to me by my Father, away back in the dim and distant past. Yet in so promising I too had to wait for the fuller revelation of what this implied, because the Mind of Love not only gives but gives so lavishly that we cannot take it in. And so we leave it - leave it until we have grown a little more; but when we've grown a little more, why, we find that the generosity of God has grown greater still - and again we leave it. And this goes on forever...

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(Others then spoke...)

DAVID LIVINGSTONE...

...I am quite a stranger but I hope you will bear with me for a little because, as you have heard before, there are many ties in the Spirit which, as yet, are unknown to you.

This is a strange experience for me, but it is one which I have prayed for with faith for a long time past.

Now, I was a simple man and I thought simply, thank God, where He was concerned. Out in those great vast spaces where silence could be felt and almost touched, I found that complicated thinking seemed strangely out of place. You know, when you are in the heart of nature, physically alone, in the sense that you are separated from your kind; spiritually alone, in the sense that there is no one to whom you can express those deep calls of the spirit within - then you come down, or, rather, come up to simple faith in God and in His beneficent goodness...

I want to talk to you a little about simple faith... Perhaps it will help you more if I tell you who I was when in the body, although now it is of no importance at all.

I was one who travelled far and found that for which I sought - peace and close communion with God. They called me Livingstone, and, it seems to me invested that name with romance and with honour - which was totally out of place; they were those who loved me well... I have put that badly. What I want to say is this: That the only thing worth remembering, once the worn-out body is discarded, is love - and there was love in the hearts of many who never knew me in the flesh. Since I came here, it has been my pleasure to go into that subject - the wonderful gift of the love of the unknown. It is quite simple, of course - it all comes in under the heading of 'The Ties of the Spirit'. We knew each other well; we were not strangers - it was spirit recognising spirit - and that's why I am here tonight.

Perhaps this is a little aside from the subject of 'simple faith', but it is one of those things which are a direct expression of simple faith... (Unable to proceed)...

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...I am sorry, my friends, but the memories were a little too much for me, but I shall work through them by that same simple faith...

When you are living alone in a strange country, you get very near to the heart of things; and there were times when, in my self-chosen loneliness, I was conscious of the sweetest, the most perfect companionship of all. In a simple way I called on Christ, my Master, and in an inexpressibly simple way He came and He supped with me and stayed with me until I was strong enough to go on without the visible Presence by my side...

There is one thing that I wish to say tonight, and that is in regard to the missionary spirit which is within the heart of all those who are trying to find God. That missionary spirit led me far, as you know; it also led me into experiences and revelations of Divine Love about which I spoke not to anyone... It is difficult, in coming back into the body, to get away from the reticence which was part of my mental equipment in those days...

There were times, as I said, when I not only felt Christ but I saw Him. There were times also when the Angel Throng - or what I thought represented the Angel Throng - when they so closed me in that I used to question whether indeed I was in the body at all...

You see, my friends, that in coming back and speaking to you, who regard me as a stranger, I am in great difficulty over my message. Hard on my coming here are those memories pressing, and yet I wish with all my heart to banish them hence so that I can centre myself in the beautiful, glorious conditions of holiness which are in this room tonight.

That was exactly my feelings during those last years of my physical life. There were those who would have brought me back to so-called civilisation, to that trivial, surface life, where to so many 'religion' - that precious gift of God - meant less than nothing. But all I wanted to do was to keep the companionship which I had found in the loneliness and silence - to hold that fast and to banish the remembrance of that false life for ever more...

It is all so bewildering to me - to try and get my thoughts in their proper sequence, to express that gift of Love, that privilege - that precious privilege - of holding close communion with God, without the presence of a third person or any of the means which are used in this connection. That close communion was mine, and I tell you tonight, for your soul's comfort,

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that the only bridge I used was that same simple faith and trust in the living Christ.

Now and again the thought comes to those most concerned in this work as to the limited resources at their disposal for getting on, for progressing nearer to the heart of things, for being used by God as an instrument for expressing His purpose. But, my dear young friends, these thoughts are destructive indeed - they come not from the bright spheres but from those spheres where twilight reigns. God has said: 'I am the Light of the world', and looking unto Him darkness is unknown...

Search your Bibles as you may, there has never been anything said about... (Words missed)... just the simple injunction: 'Take up thy cross and follow Me' - which means each day, each new day, just the offering up of the will to the Father. That and that alone is the way to find God...

In silent places, 'buried alive' as some would call it, seeking within my own spirit for the answer to this and to that, praying that God should guide me, should hold me, should keep me - I found that between me and the Realms of Light there was no barrier, no obstacle at all. Bondman I might be so far as the flesh was concerned, but free, free to penetrate into the things of the Spirit - protected, guided and directed, led by the Saviour's Hand - illumination was mine even while the tired old body and mind remained.

I passed out fettered to Christ. To me it seemed like this: That whereas so many times before I had crossed the Threshold and returned, this time the infinite joy was mine of knowing that through that same door there should be no return again - no return. I was Home for good - the only Home I ever wanted; Home with the companionship of those I loved most; Home in the sense that there I could be myself - my real self - and could answer without reserve: 'Lead Thou me on!'...

My dear friends, what I have said tonight is not in the least what I intended to say, so you will see how human we are. Yet in coming back like this, through another door - a most beautiful door to behold: The Door of God's Love - the need of the moment seemed to me just to give you assurance - assurance that faith and trust, without any tuition from the physical minds of others - faith and trust will lead you safe into the Promised Land, safe and secure. And what is more and what is better - as you will see when you come here - you will have shown the safe and sure road to those who wish to follow after...

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Next time, ah, next time - it is wonderfully cheering to me to feel I can say 'next time' - it makes us quite old friends as well. Next time, I hope you will be able to greet me with affection - with affection and with the knowledge that the missionary spirit, which was so part of my physical life - has grown and expanded; that still - in my small way - I am trying to show others where the true Light is and where God can be found... The missionary spirit never dies, because it is a gift of God. Only when we are free, it is free as well - to do and to grow in an unlimited sense. And that's where the joy comes in - that's where the joy comes in.

Well, goodnight my friends, and don't forget me - don't forget. It has not been easy tonight and I am glad of it - I am glad that it has not been easy, because I have gained that little experience which will help me next time to overcome greater difficulties still... Goodnight...

(When all had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, we must bring this evening to a close because of the work of getting the records out, yet I would like to say here that God's goodness and power and grace is so gifted to us tonight that were it not for the question of lack of time, those who are in the Spirit could speak to you for many hours to come.

I want you to realise more and more, the great privilege which has been entrusted in your care; to put aside all personal misgivings, and with patience and faith and complete trust to go on and on.

To my younger children I speak in regard to one point, and that is this: It may seem to you that the process of advancement is slow indeed; it may seem that the gifts of spiritual sight, of hearing and of understanding, are being a little unduly withheld. Yet I remind you once more that when it is a question of obedient children and the Father, only the best is good enough.

I think, now and again, you have had a glimmering of what this work is leading you out into; and I want to underline that brief impression tonight, I want to assure you that your development has not been held back, but is being expanded and strengthened in a way you little understand.

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I speak to all. I say it is that very development, that evolution, that emancipation out of the physical into the spiritual, which has gone on apace; and because, to you, there has not been much outward and physical demonstration of that which is within, have no fears.

We build truly; we are going to make our foundations firm indeed. I am intent on building up the physical and the mental, of controlling the nervous system - of bringing these things into harmony and giving them vitality and full play. I am preparing for the future; I am making doubly sure that when those gifts of the Spirit are your own, that that which the physical body represents may be attuned, may be true to its trust.

And then, as naturally as you emerge from sleep, so will you step out of blindness into sight, out of bondage into freedom, out of physical consciousness into spiritual consciousness - and from then onward - no obstacles - no obstacles that cannot be surmounted will lie on your path.

You see, dear children, that those in the Spirit have to take long views. It is no use concentrating on any small portion of the training. We have got to look ahead; we have got to anticipate the efforts of the shadows, we have got to see that when the beautiful edifice is erected it is built on rock and not on sand...

And so, dear children, I would leave you tonight with this last thought: That everything is working out according to plan - the plan which Love has put into operation. And because you wish to do your part, because you have set yourselves the task of providing certain threads which must be weaved in at certain places, so you shall see - in the happy days to come - that because you worked under guidance, you produced something far better, far more beautiful than had ever entered into your imagination...

And so I leave you, hoping, praying, trusting, that you may feel the Spirit of God within you, and that you will arise and meet your new obligations, your new privileges - that perfect expression of the Divine gift - meet these things with simplicity and with humility, because, dear children, humility is so much of Christ that you cannot climb without it. Meet then the future with simplicity, humility, and gratitude - and God will reveal to you, so far as you can take it in, what it means to be a child of His, what it means to have chosen the steep hillside, what it means to be partakers of the glories that are on High - glories and powers and Love beyond description - that which the Father has prepared, only waiting and

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longing for His little ones to make it their own and to encourage others to try and do the same.

The peace of God is with you. His patience and His faith are here as well. May these gifts of the Spirit enter your hearts and minds and fetter you unto Holiness for ever more - fetter you unto the Father, the Saviour, and the Christ, who lives but to see us happy and free; who is so removed from 'self' that self has ceased to exist in any form there could be - the Divine merging Itself, giving out of Itself, distributing, bestowing Itself in all directions. Yes, God experiences happiness only in the happiness of His creation.

My children, you have all done well tonight, I thank you; and, while you thank God remember that this is work done by His instruction, work that in His sight is precious indeed... Goodnight, my children.



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O Tender Shepherd, we ask Thee tonight to help us, to strengthen us and to give us courage to go on - not only the courage that can grapple with difficulties, but that inner courage of the spirit which allows us to ride over them; which gives us the capacity to fix our gaze upon the distant hills - on their splendour and on their promise - and thus, with our eyes raised from the ground, to see only Thy glory and not the roughness of the road. Grant that we may be able to ignore those dissuading voices of the shadows; grant that we may neither see nor hear them, except with that tiny part which, as yet, is not free from the toils of the earth.

O Father, we know how mighty Thou art, and how gentle, how all-Understanding. And because we are certain of these things - with faith and with perfect confidence - we ask Thee tonight to turn sadness into gladness, weariness into strength, faltering steps into big strides which will take us on and on, past the awkward corners of physical experience out into the wide country where sunshine is all around, and where even the most carefully thought-out schemes of those who wish to hinder shall be as nought.

Father of Infinite Love, we leave everything in Thy watchful care, and we know that because we are obeying Thy direction - the direction which Thou hast given - seeing the infinite joy these evenings are going to bring in the happy days to come and their far-reaching results, that Thou Who hast directed us to continue this work, will send down grace and strength and that complete faith which will enable us to close on a note of understanding, of perfect unity, not only with each

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other but with Thee, our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ - Who never forgets and who never fails.

Father, we thank Thee and we turn to our work satisfied in Thee now and for ever... Amen...

...My little children, we start rather late tonight (8 p.m.), and it seems to you a curious thing why so much on the physical plane is allowed, apparently, to interfere with our plans when those plans are formed solely with the idea of following obediently the direction given.

Well, my children, looking at things from the earth point of view, I allow that there are many things in your daily life which seem to run diametrically opposed to all-pervading Love - a sense of which I am determined to instil into your physical minds. Yet, dear children, viewed in the big way, in the way that you will regard it when you are free, you will see that nothing has gone amiss - there has been no miscarriage of justice - but all is as it must be in order to produce the beauty and the power which will be required later on.

Because some suffer under the process, would you that the plan should be thrown aside? For, my little ones, how often must I tell you that it is suffering which produces the highest and the best; it is suffering which provides the necessary working power; it is suffering which brings you closer to the Spirit than anything else.

Yet, again I say I can understand the earth point of view. Human nature has its limits, and the thought that only by so much discipline can the real self emerge, causes a chill to the heart and mind of each one who listens to me and to those who read my words. So tonight I am going to make things clear - I am going to tell you that suffering was never meant to last throughout the physical journey. It is, as I have said, required to provide the strong staff, the experience and the guiding instinct to lead you unto God - and when once these have been obtained then the necessity for suffering is at an end.

You are concerned, very often, about the sorrows of others; the almost devastating experiences, so you think, which they have to face; you are troubled, both in heart and mind, that there should be so much hardship in the world at large. The recital of another's earthly experience causes deep dismay. And yet, my little ones, while it is necessary that you should listen and enter into the sorrows of others, I bid you also try and

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take a wider view of that, which, of necessity, must pass away in time to come.

I am not underestimating the grief in the world today. It is caused partly by the hardness of heart of those who are better placed; it is caused also by that lack of self-restraint in the centuries long past, which has allowed the evil forces to gain a much stronger hold than ever was intended. Yet, dear children, as you realise, free will cannot be interfered with. And so our Heavenly Father has taken that which has been done to wreck and wound, and, by the miracle of His Love, has turned loss into gain, suffering into happiness beyond all expression.

You see, it very often happens thus, because the free will of the individual is a gift from God, never to be thwarted - never to be influenced except by love - and because of this, God has chosen another means of working out His wonderful purpose. And though the evil may strike you and others again and again, the Father takes the very blow itself to bring you gain, to give you your heart's desire in that day when the vision comes and you see the splendour of the Life which has no end.

My children, I am very near you in thought tonight. Nothing makes a barrier between me and those I love, although, dear ones, you find it so hard to take this in. Nothing in the world or in those conditions where darkness reigns - nothing - nothing can separate me from my children, to whom I am bound by every tie and link there could be; and those links are sealed by God, to remain unbreakable for ever and for ever.

And now that I have got you all safely under my wing once more, we will talk of other things; and first of all I have just a few words to say about one who has called forth your love and admiration - admiration because the spirit within is strong and courageous indeed (Mr Ernest Meads).

Tell him from me, my children, that the work goes on apace; that the love of God which is in his heart has brought him into conditions which shall defy trouble and sorrow and suffering. That one, dear children, has suffered much, he has been through deep waters.

And yet, keeping his eyes on the Light above, safely he has swum from shore to shore, and ever the land grows firmer under his feet and he is blessed of the Father indeed. Shut not your love off from such a one; cast aside those crippling thoughts of the earth which forbid this and forbid

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that. Love was given to each one to give again - and he will understand. Ah, yes, he will understand that Spirit calls to Spirit and that the tie is one of God alone.

I give these few words, dear children, because I want you to know that, more and more, I am leading you hither and thither where help and strength may be found; and yet you cannot imagine that after directing you to take, I should tell you not to give in return. The power of love is greater than anyone on this plane has ever grasped - its healing, its sustaining power is unlimited, when the love is pure. And so I say to you and to all who read: Give out of your love and restrain it not, because God said: 'Little children, love one another'... love one another!

And now, my little ones, speaking of love, I will pass on to a subject which, in the physical minds of many through the ages, has caused perplexity and sometimes that which is far less pleasant - a certain lack of delicacy, which is hurtful to them and to those who hear...

I refer, dear children, to Our Lord's statement that there was no marriage, or giving in marriage, once physical life was ended.

Now here, dear children, we are brought up against two attitudes of mind, because, as you know, that which you call 'marriage' has not been carried out as Our Father intended. To those whose experience has been bitter or disillusioning, the thought that once physical life is over marriage, as marriage, exists no more, is greeted with a sense of thankfulness which goes too deep for words...

Then, dear children, there are others - many others, thank God, who have got fairly near to the ideal; and when death steps in, the one who is left behind is conscious of a sense of loss which even the knowledge of reunion later on cannot wipe out. Children, they view it somewhat like this, they say: 'Oh, I know we shall be together again, but it will not be the same!' And by this they mean to imply that that which awaits them will be far less complete than the union during their physical lives.

Well, dear children, with a subject like this, on which so many queries arise, it is well, I think, to give a plain and straightforward statement, so that you, and others, may readjust your minds to the truth as it is and has been from the beginning.

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True it is that there is no 'marriage' in the bright spheres, but, my little ones, there is a unity between soul and soul which far transcends anything that has ever been experienced, even under the most ideal conditions upon earth.

Because humanity, as a whole, has been unable to get the true vision of unity of Spirit, it goes to the other extreme and rules out that 'wedlock' between individual souls, as non-existent. It is strange to us, dear children, that the word 'wedded' should represent to you only a state which is possible while the physical body remains - it is strange to us that man should be so blind and that love should have been allowed to fall so far from its high estate.

Little children, do not misunderstand. Those laws of nature are necessary for the working out of God's plan - necessary because there are countless thousands waiting always to undergo their experience on earth. But, dear children, love is a far more subtle thing than that. The attraction between individuals on the earth plane is simply and solely the bare outline, the merest indication of the unity of Spirit in the Realms where Spirit has full scope.

I want you to get your view point right; I want you to be able to say to those who have suffered under the conditions of marriage - I want you to tell them that there is in store for them a unity, a wedlock, in its spiritual sense, which will reveal to them God's mighty Love. And I want you to reassure those who feel that something has been taken from them which will never come back in the old sweet way again, I want you to say, with faith and with certainty, that beautiful as that love may have been - complete, in the earth sense, the sympathy of mind established - those things were but a reflection of the real. And when they come Home, they will find their loved ones waiting for them, and in that reunion - which means a unity which it is impossible to explain in words, because it is of the spirit and not of the body - joy and perfect happiness becomes their own...

My children, here I interpose one remark, for fear I may be misunderstood: There are many marriages on earth in which the Spirit takes by far the largest part - these unions are the only ones which are of God. But within your own knowledge, there are countless numbers who have entered into this holy state with minds which are unholy indeed, with motives which are of the lowest, with that base misrepresentation of love which, in itself, is a desecration to them both. You can understand,

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dear children, that it is indeed a farce to say to such as these: 'Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder'. God was not asked - God had no place in their thoughts. But the evil, seizing the opportunity of their 'unawareness', brought into being a state of things which wounds the Tender Heart indeed.

Children, there is not one who has suffered under these conditions - suffered through no fault of their own - who will not reap the blessing of the Father, and joy and power in the days to come. They have not failed their vows. And because another forgot, even as the words were spoken - God holds the injured pure and free. And in place of hurt and that deep anguish of the mind, gives healing, gives grace, gives that understanding which will not only help them on in their own spiritual progress but will enable them to help others - for only those who 'understand' can heal like wounds or can restore that which has been broken...

Oh, my children, there is so much more in this statement than you can grasp just now. But I say to you that the linking up of two lives in this way should be regarded indeed as a sacrament - not in name but in essence and in the very spirit of the word. Names count for nothing; but the sacredness of these unions should never be forgotten. Children, I have told you before that those who provide the opportunity of allowing others to take on their earthly experience - that these, if they are in touch with God, are indeed not only following His Will but are lending themselves to the working out of His unlimited purpose for the raising up of mankind...

There is one other aspect which, perhaps, it is wise to underline tonight, and that is in regard to the unity between spirit and spirit once the body is laid aside:

Children, when you come here, you will find that there are many others who are linked to you, and to whom you are linked - by the closest ties of love imaginable. And so it is that very often, during the early stages of spiritual emancipation, there are those who work together - who are linked in this way - because at that particular stage they provide for each other the necessary help, or the one has certain qualities which the other is trying to develop.

I don't want you to get confused. You must remember that love, as love, represents a very high state of spiritual progress. And once the body is discarded, those who wish to climb are the first to realise that, as yet, they are not ready for that perfect union - that complete unity of spirit and

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spirit to which I have referred. So, voluntarily, looking into the eyes of Christ, they start their preparation, and this goes on - sometimes, through many stages - and, to you, it would seem that much time elapses before the final linking up is there.

But, as you have been taught, where love is, there are no barriers - spirit can commune with spirit, whether in the body or whether free from its restrictions; and this is worked out throughout the spheres. Yet I would have you consider that love is so of God that much preparation is necessary before you can make that most precious gift your own, in the sense that God intended.

You see, my little ones, how perfect is the Mind of God. Nothing is withheld, but once the sight is there, you see for yourself that it is better to wait awhile so that when that which is your own is made your own, you can hold it fast and may fail it not.

Now, my little ones, I leave you. Yes, I know you want me to stay, but there are duties on every side and these duties cannot be ignored. We are one in love, one in sympathy, in aim and in purpose, and meeting thus nothing which is not of God and Light can enter in...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, I am sure you will admit that my words when we met have been justified up to the hilt, and peace and refreshment and happiness are in our midst tonight.

I want you, in thinking over the evening, to gather this from it: That you had it illustrated that the strain of the day and the weakness of the body - the obvious lack of physical resources - did not and do not mean, necessarily, that the good gifts of the Spirit are absent too.

Dear children, it is difficult to sufficiently impress you with this thought; yet you know that the work of the day provides the power which gives you freedom to enter into the Bright Realms at night. Following on this, it should not be difficult for you to grasp that when there has been strain - which has come from without - that that is not allowed to interfere with the full working of the Spirit in this way. The one thing that does cripple us, is when the thoughts ally themselves to the adverse circumstances. When this is so and a definite struggle against them is not

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put up, at once we feel the pull, and it is not easy for us to make good that which is missing.

I only mention this because I want you to know where our limitations and restrictions come in. When things are trying in physical life, it is not easy to keep the mind under control - the one reacts upon the other, and weariness of body plays directly into the hands of those who are out to wreck.

It is rather a fine point but we shall get it clear in a moment. I remind you of the saying: 'It is not the fight that crowns you, but the end' - with which, of course, I differ. Because those in the Spirit have been taught to look at things in the way Christ views them - and in His sight it is the 'fight' that crowns, even if the 'end' fails to come up to that high standard which marks victory and triumph. That which the little children tried and failed to do, the Father finishes for them.

Here you get the 'fine point', and I ask you all, when days are dark, when conditions are against you - I ask you to pray and to fight, and if you do this to the best of your ability, and still find that the sadness and the regret both come, then I can say - directed by my Master - that Christ will finish what you have begun.

You see, my little ones, how loving is the Father, how generous, how bountiful are His good gifts? Ah, then, raise your hearts and minds to Him, and take the comfort that He offers in so lavish a way. Never let it be said that Love went lonely because the shadows grew too strong. Never let it be said that the hand of the Friend of Friends was overlooked because those who were evil in intent were holding you fast...

Oh, my children, be free from that which seeks to hinder; harness your thoughts - those straying thoughts of the physical mind - harness them and bind them to the anchor which Christ represents. And then, though storms may be fierce, and though advantage is taken of the physical disabilities to which all are prone during the earthly stages - when enemies such as these advance, then fettered to the Rock which never gives, you can meet them with faith and with patience, with confidence and with perfect calm. For what you are unable to do yourself, that will the Father finish - and, in time to come, return it to you, complete and beautiful indeed, even as if you had accomplished it yourself.

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There is Love on every side - Love and protection too - take it and make it your own. And in taking, draw unto yourselves the joy which comes in seeking to find that which Love represents, that which we are all out to find - before which the strongest as well as the weakest know they are as little children - little children, holding on to Strength. And drawing from Strength renewed strength, the journey will be ended, not only in peace, but in that deep victory of self over self which, in God's good time, shall come to you all in an unlimited sense...

And now I must close because my child is somewhat tired of body, although the power holds good - tired of body but... (Words missed)...

My children, I am having a little difficulty here because this is directly opposed to the physical mind of the one I am using, so in deference to her wish I will leave it. But she, and others, shall find that when the pattern is laid out, those who were tired of body very often were stronger of soul than they imagined...

I bless you with God's most precious Love and understanding. He is gathering you into that which shall make harmony and happiness complete. Just open your hearts to Love and all will be as He intended.

Goodnight, my children, and remember that Love unlocks all gates, not only in the physical world but in all the worlds over that little river which you had described to you just now... Love opens all gates, admitting - ushering you from one state of beauty into that which is nearer perfection still...

Goodnight, my children - and think of me more and more, remembering my words of love tonight, and that God has not only linked us together but has sealed the links, and those links shall remain unbroken for ever and for ever... Goodnight.



REINCARNATION AND EVOLUTION.

By Zodiac.

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Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

Father and Mother God, we, Thy little children, with so much thankfulness, come together this evening, waiting for Thy blessing to descend upon us, waiting for the good gifts of the Spirit to be vouchsafed, waiting to hear Thy word, and to receive those dearly-loved messages from those who have gone on before.

O Saviour, grant that we may each give the help which is necessary, grant that our thoughts may be sanctified - sanctified in the sense that self steps aside, and the spirit, which knows and loves its God, is free to express itself unhindered... Help us to help others, give us sufficient understanding that we may understand the needs of others, grant that we may be able to put ourselves more and more, in imagination, into the position of others, especially of those who are hard-pressed by spiritual or physical conditions...

Father, Thou knowest that as little children wishing to learn, wishing to be used, we make those petitions - and as we ask we feel the power of Thy grace at work...

Into the Silence, then, of the Spirit we enter; and Love, which needs no expression in words - Love awaits us on either side...

For this, O Father, and for all Thy many good gifts, we thank Thee, and we thank Thee again and again. Keep us closely bound to Thee; grant that the sweet companionship thus established may penetrate into the physical minds of these, Thy

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children, and my children too, so that loneliness will be no more, and joy will be complete... Amen...

...Good evening, my children. First of all I will ask my little secretary to turn the light round a little more... Well, my children, tonight, as you will have noticed, I said that it was a 'good' evening - good not only because we are together, but, still more so, because the goodness of God shall be seen on every side. Yes, though the enemy may be strong, the goodness of our Father God is far, far stronger still, and thus the work goes on.

Tonight, my little ones, as usual, there are many subjects which I should like to discuss with you, but it is not wise, on any occasion, to crowd too much in. I mean that in order to assimilate things in a right manner, the physical mind must have time to, as it were, turn over each fresh point before it passes on to the next stage and the next.

So, my little ones - and I speak to all my children, whether they call themselves by that dear name or not - I speak to them all, and I say that, as opportunity offers, we shall touch on all the many subjects which arise in the mind, and which, as yet, have not been satisfactorily dealt with by those who are cabined within the physical body...

My children, this sounds rather a proud statement to make - but you know me better than that. I would just remind you that why these so-called difficult points remain unexplained in a way which appeals to both heart and mind, is that man so often seeks in the material world for his answer, forgetting that the Great Spirit, the Creator of all, waits - ah, yes, ever waits to listen to His little ones and to give them the key to this problem and to that, if they will but show a little of that patience which He expresses in an unlimited way.

And while I am speaking of my 'greater family', I want to make it quite clear that in choosing to discuss any certain subject with you here, I am mindful ever of the needs of the whole - and that is why, dear children, so often another, far away, tells you that Zodiac has answered just the very question they longed for most...

I speak with great, great love and understanding in regard to my children who, for obvious reasons, are unable to be present with us at the Circle. I tell them all that no thought passes through their mind which is not noted by me, no hint of sadness approaches these, my dear ones, without my instant aid to drive the enemy back...

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I want you all to get a wider and more comprehensive realisation of the love which surrounds your lives - the love of many who are outside your physical thoughts. And I want my children far away - or so it seems to them - to remember that by the miraculous power of love, distance and time cease to exist. Zodiac is never too occupied to attend to the half-expressed wishes of his children upon earth. And so I would remind you all that if there seems a little delay, sometimes, in giving the spiritual aspect of a statement in your own precious Record, or of one of those many queries which arise so fast in conversation - I want you to remember that each one has been noted by us and will be dealt with in God's good time - dealt with in as adequate a way as you can take in. And then, later on, a fuller explanation will be forthcoming, and so the unfoldment will go on, and all will be as God intends.

My children, this evening I am going to touch upon that very interesting subject which you call 'Reincarnation' - but, as I explained, it is only possible to give just an outline of the vast scope and possibilities which are contained in that state of change or transition which all must go through.

Now, dear children, there are many in the world who are convinced, that as the generations go on, the greater self within comes back to this earth in varied forms. You see, my children, there has been much said which gives rise to this very natural explanation of the progress or the evolution of the soul. It appeals to common sense. Man looks at himself and at his fellow beings, and his practical side acknowledges that neither he nor they are ready for the powers of the Spirit or for the joys of the Realms of Light...

I want you always to take a very broad view in regard to such theories. As you know, dear children, our understanding Father does not say to His little ones: You must not think of this; or you must not try and explore that channel of thought, which is long indeed. No, our Father God wishes His children to use their mental powers to their fullest extent; but you can appreciate this without much explanation from me: That the Father does not like to see His children worrying over, apparently, insoluble conundrums - when the solution lies so near at hand.

I have emphasised this point before, but I do so again, deliberately, tonight - I say that the secrets of physical life and its many phases, together with the unravelling of those glorious truths of the Spirit, can be

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attained by retreating into the silence of the Spirit and communing with God in that intimate, closer sense, when, in one way or another, an explanation will come...

Children, I make this statement with a perfect appreciation of the responsibility of so doing. I tell you that there have been those, who, loving God, have laid aside self in that entire sense, who have put this into practice and have not been disappointed.

But let me get back to the first point in regard to the passage of the spirit through its many stages of experience.

Now, dear children, I have taught you from the beginning that you and I, and all the countless millions who have lived and are living on any plane - that these are of God, that they are part of God, that they emanated from Him; that, in the first instance, they were as a spark from that which is Unlimited and Divine - God giving out of Himself so that others should share in the joys and the powers which are His own.

Having reminded you of this, then it is not difficult for you to imagine that starting from that which is All Holy, these 'expressions' of God had to go through many processes of involution before the stage of evolution was reached.

This, dear children, takes you back so far that the mind is quite incapable of taking it in; but, never mind, all you are asked to do is to reconstruct in your mind your ideas of the time of creation. You must remember that this little earth of yours is but one stage - a most important one, as I have said - but one short stage only in the process of spiritualisation which all have to go through.

You see, dear children, that in using the word 'spiritualisation', at once I get the thought from you: 'But if we started off from God, Holy as He is Holy, spiritualisation seems the last word to use!' Yet, have I not said that the journey of the spirit was one of experience? The Divinity which is within us all is a gift from God, but only by the process of overcoming and of rising above that which is evil, can the gift of Divinity be made our own.

You are asked to believe, then, that starting from the point of perfect Purity, you went through stage after stage of experience, before the point

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of 'evolution' was reached - and, as a result of experience, you are making that gift of God your own...

There is one point here which I want to bring in and emphasise - and that is this: When God gave out of Himself, with the gift was that of 'free will'; and that gift has never been interfered with, and never will. You see, dear children, that if man - if we had all been stronger, more watchful than we were, we could have gone through our experiences without losing so much of the holiness and the purity with which we started...

I want to make it quite clear: As you have it stated in your Bible, man was made in God's own image. And that image - it was His intention - should remain for ever more. Yet there have been many, who, as you know, have not only fallen to the level of the animals created for their use, but indeed have shown signs of far less advancement - in a spiritual sense - than the animals possess.

This is your explanation, and I give it tonight as plainly as I am able: Because there have been those who have found traces of man on a level with the animal creation - because these types have been found - it only means that during certain stages, humanity, as a whole, forgot its sonship and its daughtership with the Most High. The power of evil had far too great a scope, and thinking and living as the beasts they drove, so they degenerated into that which, as I have said, in many cases was far worse than the lowest in the animal kingdom.

Now, dear children, I want you to remember that you can think only of finite things, and then to recollect that this little world but represents one short stage. Those processes of experience have gone on in states and conditions which are entirely beyond your imagination; and during certain phases of the world in which you now live, the conditions there were only suitable for those sons and daughters who had forgotten the link between them and their Maker.

Get things in their right perspective. You cannot expect to understand just yet the gigantic nature of the subject on which I speak. But, as time goes on, the dawning will come, and later, when the physical mind is laid aside, so the revelation and the understanding shall be your own.

The 'missing link' will never be found, because man - so characteristically - carries on his researches on the material plane alone,

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searching in nature for the solution of these difficult problems; ignoring the fact that the great Mind of Love - which created nature - reserves certain parts of knowledge as His own; and only spirit can contact with Spirit, and Love provides the key.

You will see, dear children, that the physical mind has very good grounds for the assumption that 'Reincarnation' only provides a workable explanation of man's being; yet, as I have told you before, into a physical body you will not enter again; but the next body, in many cases, is not so dissimilar as you might think. Those who have neglected the opportunities provided on earth find their powers are very little greater; and those who have wilfully shut themselves off from the Light - which is all around - these are severely handicapped, and the physical body, when looked back upon, represents power and freedom indeed.

Once more I say: Get things in their right perspective, keeping always in mind the order - the magnificent order - of God's plans, the unparalleled justice of His laws, and the infinite patience of the Father Himself, who waits and waits and waits.

What I have said tonight, dear children, answers also the very natural query which arises as to the spirituality shown by some even in those times which you call the 'dark ages'.

It was possible, as I have indicated, that the experiences taken on by the individual soul could be worked out, could be made their own - without alienation from the Father. These so-called 'saints' just illustrate this. Yes, they have passed through many fierce battles, many temptations - which to the minds of the children of the earth would be inconceivable, because they are not subject to them themselves.

That is another point which I want you to remember - that there are states and conditions where those who are out to find God have been tried even as by fire, and have come forth suitable vessels for His use. It sounds, as I speak, rather awe-inspiring; but, dear children, before you entered into this world, of necessity, you must have gone through that, otherwise I could not teach you or speak to you of the things which are of God.

It was the same with those who loved our Saviour during His brief sojourn among them. These, in spite of weakness shown, perhaps, in the physical mind - these had tested themselves, had voluntarily taken on those deeper experiences which you cannot understand now, so that when

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God was manifested among the children of the earth, He might find a few to whom He could impart the Truth, and to whom He could entrust the gifts of the Spirit...

Children, I am having a little difficulty in making this subject clear, but I think, on reading it over, you will perceive that which I am anxious to convey. It is impossible to do more than outline something of the gigantic pattern which the Creator set into action in those distant periods of time which are beyond us all.

Yet it should do this: It should give you a sense of responsibility, and also a feeling of great comfort as well. Thinking of the past, of the many stages, of the experiences lived through and overcome - surely then, you should rejoice that so much lies behind.

And if, at the same time, so much lies in front, yet each stage - indeed each year - brings you nearer to that which is Love Itself; each minute of your life contributes something which is going to provide just the necessary power which, later on, will enable you to step into the illumination of the Spirit, when misunderstandings pass away never to return again... Then onward into the Unlimited, into Eternity, into Completeness - which means joy upon joy. But I cannot take you more than a step on this road because the mind is bound by the definition of joy upon earth - and that, as you know, is just as the reflection of a tiny beam of light in comparison with the power of the sun itself.

My children, I will leave you now for a little while, but I shall want all your help tonight because my child is tired and cold, and these conditions make it a little difficult for the inexperienced to work against. It creates a sense of dimness or of elusiveness, which is hampering to those, who, being free from a physical body, have somewhat forgotten the restrictions and limitations it imposes. Yet I know I can count on you all, and the evening will be shown to be God-given indeed...

(After others had spoken Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, this evening has been another illustration of triumphing over conditions, and of setting our flag on high - not half way up the hill, but on the top. We have done better than you will ever know until you come here... but I am not going to prolong that which already has cost much effort.

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Tonight, my closing words are entirely on a personal note, and they are to remind you, once again, that you belong to me, in Christ's Name - to remind all those who read these records that the link in the Spirit is there.

And if it sounds strange that I use the term of 'children' to those of experience, then I would add, as an explanation, that it is purely a term of endearment - never used to suggest distance in spiritual age or in understanding the things which are of God.

You must, all of you, recollect that if, by God's grace, we in the Spirit have penetrated a little deeper into that vast subject of Truth, yet, as we advance, so the horizon grows - and so we realise our limitations in love and in that same understanding.

There are two to whom I would refer tonight, who are linked to this work in a way they little realise. Ah yes, they have given - and are giving - effort and time and thought; but I am speaking of the Great Work in the Beyond, which goes on for ever and for ever.

Children, the ones to whom I refer are friends and comrades of he who taught you the A.B.C. of this subject (Rev. Arthur Chambers). Faithfully have they done their part, so far as opportunity allowed; and faithfully shall they see God's promises worked out. There is that prepared for them which shall wipe away all remembrance of the earth and its saddening experiences... I speak of one, particularly, in this respect. I remind him that here grief is translated - at once - into joy; and that because he has suffered, so emancipation shall come, and the work goes on for ever. These two servants of God have not been mentioned by me before in this way, but I do so tonight because I want them to know that their faith and their stability - without receiving any personal support through these records - that that has built up for them a foundation which shall never give (Rev. T. Thistle and Rev. G. Mackie)...

And then there is one word I would give for another... (Notebook, on which these records are taken, exhausted).

My children, on second thoughts, I see it is wiser that we should close - so I will take of your love and I ask you to take of mine in return, remembering that only through Love could we meet together in this way.

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God bless you all and keep you in the brightness of His Face; and may the sunshine of His Presence, working through you, give Light to others - for Christ's sake, Amen... Goodnight, my children.



PLANT LIFE AND ITS PLACE IN GOD'S PURPOSE.

By Zodiac.

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O Infinite Love, we ask Thee to pour down upon Thy children Thy blessing - the blessing of understanding, of being able to penetrate into the Realms of the Spirit, the ability to lay aside the thoughts of the world, to be free - and on the wings of love to soar out into those realms of thought and of being which are within the real self, that self which belongs wholly and solely to Thee...

Father, into Thy Light we enter tonight, and we thank Thee that this sweet communion has been made possible, that it is a gift from Thee without any price except that of wishing to reach the highest...

Then we ask that Thou wilt bless all those we love, either in the body or out of the body. Grant that the cords which bind us all together may be strong indeed, that the links may be of service, and that Thy Guiding Hand may lead us through the wilderness of physical experience out into the Golden Land of Promise, where love knows no bounds, where it has free expression, and where the Spirit can grow and, in growing, can cast on either side sweetness and holiness; the holiness which is of Thee...

Take us, O Father, and mould us according to Thy Will; and according to the will which belongs to the Spirit within mould us so that indeed we may more fully express Thy thought, growing in the likeness, following in the steps of Christ, our Lord and Master... Amen...

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...My children, tonight we are drawn together for God's purpose; remember that; remember that the desire within you, even if it but half expresses God's purpose, must, in time to come, be brought up to that high standard.

Remember, my little children, that Christ has called you, that the Lord of Hosts is in your midst tonight, that the Sacred Presence always is there when those who wish to serve meet together in this way. Give out, then, of your love to the Great Lover of all; give out your adoration and your most tender thoughts to the Father who waits upon His little children, seeking ever to acquiesce to their wishes, seeking every means to bind each one more closely to Himself.

Children, when we meet together in this way, it takes a few seconds, as you know, to break the thoughts which are fastened too securely on physical things... Now, my little ones, I have told you before that the things of the world have their place, but now and again comes that most blessed privilege of all, the power to disentangle yourselves from the body and bodily things, and, free in spirit, to penetrate into that inner sanctum of the Spirit. Just a step - it may not be more, as yet - but even this one step is a gift beyond all price. Into holiness we pass, and God shall use these precious hours to sow many seeds which shall bloom in the years to come...

Children, I told you once before that I had much to tell you in regard to: "Plant Life and its Place in God's Purpose". But, of necessity, I cannot take you far on such a wide and extensive field. Yet, as you know, the first few points must be explained in the beginning in order to prepare your minds for that which lies ahead.

Many in the physical world, by studying nature - in particular, the details of nature under what you call the microscope - have discovered that the Mind of God is a wondrous thing indeed; in the tiny leaf, in the delicate petal, lies that revealed beyond physical sight, beyond the physical mind in very truth - for, dear children, even the finest instrument cannot tell you how this marvel and that came into being - it can show you the exquisite tracery, the marvellous constructive thought in the flowers, in those tiny particles of flower and stem; but the door to the wider knowledge is shut, closed fast, and will remain so until man learns the great lesson which I am trying to impress upon you now...

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Until man lays aside his intellectual pride, and with humility approaches the Great Creator, the Great Constructor, the Great Architect of nature and the Realms beyond and above, so the door remains unopened.

Children, I want you to regard the flowers, simple as some of them may be - I want you to regard them as sacred in this sense: That because they express a thought of the Most High, therefore they must be tended gently and with care. I want you to realise that in the lavishness of the gift of nature, there you have one of the most beautiful symbols of the Mind of God.

I want you to try and understand the inner life of the flowers and the trees. I want you to listen for the voice of nature as it runs through the long fresh grass. I want you to hear in the very leaves which sway in the wind - the voice of wisdom, the voice of the Spirit - trying to teach those who will pause and listen.

Yes, my children, I can quite understand that, for many, the study of what you call Botany is impossible. Neither the time nor the necessary instruments are there, nor are there such patient teachers as God would have, who, gifted with physical knowledge, could pass on from that - out of the physical and the material - into the spiritual and the Divine.

I know that to few the opportunity comes to delve into the secrets of nature in the way I have explained; yet to all there is the open road to knowledge, there is the unfettered path to wisdom - that which can rise above physical conditions or the training of the physical mind.

Children, from our point of view, it does not avail very much to be able to enumerate the number of veins there may be in a certain leaf, the signs of age in a tree, or any of those many facts - tabulated facts - which man has prepared throughout the ages. These things have their place, as I said just now, along with the physical; but the hour approaches when that physical side will be lost - will be allowed to slip away into the past - for those who love God shall cross the threshold of things material - of things 'known' - and shall enter into that vast sphere of the spiritual - the so-called 'unknown' - yes, even while the physical body remains.

You have heard me say before that the only barrier between mankind and the higher knowledge is lack of dedication, lack of simplicity, and purity of heart. By laying aside self, by preparing the physical mind,

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by the discipline of the physical will, man - no longer bound to that which has been 'proved', to that fickle mistress called 'science' - freed from shackles, born into a new freedom, the valiant soul goes forward to see for himself, not only how God has made this or that, but something of the stupendous purpose underlying everything which has been created...

Children, I ask you to listen to the voice of nature. Some of you already have heard these faint voices; some of you, when alone in a forest or out on the wide hillside, have felt and heard that which lies within... These things, as yet, are misunderstood, or perhaps I had better say 'not understood'; misunderstood in the sense that man, in sensing these finer vibrations, takes all the credit to himself - not understood by the majority, who, having never listened themselves, rule out this spiritual law as non-existent.

Those who have trained themselves for pursuing the path to the higher wisdom would tell you, dear children, that from certain trees they are able to get certain emanations which express that particular tree. And it would be possible to take these so trained, so 'sensitive' - to take these blindfolded into a forest, and, standing in front of that which has known centuries of time, they would be able to say: 'This is an oak, because I can hear its voice!' and so on and so on...

That, dear children, is the first stage - but the first stage only. To you it sounds difficult even thus far; but I say to the earnest, to the strong, to the pure, that the gift shall not only come, but shall develop in a manner absolutely beyond your imagination now.

When the spring comes tripping in, when nature takes on new beauty, new expression, get out by yourselves and listen to the many voices of nature - nature trying to teach you, trying to train you, trying to show you how beautiful is the Mind of God - how exquisitely merciful and loving as well.

The trees will answer to the faithful; the flowers know those who love them best. And if, perchance, you understand but little at the first attempt, then go back to the flowers, go back to the example of the trees; wait, and try again. That perpetuity of effort which is expressed in nature is a lesson for us all.

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Because a tree fails to come up to standard one year, yet ere the spring comes round again new strength has been gathered to its roots, and the second year atones for that which was lacking in the first.

Nature is so restorative - and this is another little thought to make your own: That if you fail in the first or the second or the third experiment, remember that the God-nature in you has powers of restoring, of rebuilding, of recharging - and what you cannot do today is but held in store to be granted in the happy days to come...

Children, I want you to regard the gifts of nature in a very wide way indeed. I want you to realise that in regard to those gifts under your care, you are, as it were, a custodian - a custodian of the thoughts of God. And if a garden be denied you, then with the flowers which others supply, you can show your appreciation - your gratitude - for these little messengers of Love, which are sent indeed to lighten and to gladden your lives; to express a beauty which, perhaps, is absent from your own; to demonstrate a hope which perhaps has not occurred to you before - that hope which always tells you, and explains to you, that the beauty or the happiness or the brightness which passes away only passes to return again in a new form - and, if you have acted worthily, in a sweeter and lovelier form as well.

There is nothing in physical life which has not its spiritual counterpart in the Realms of Light. Those things which surround your lives - they were given to you in order to try and prepare your minds for something of the gigantic, the magnificent manifestations of the Mind of God, which are everywhere in the Spirit. Even the houses you build, the furniture you make - these but tell you that harmony and good work, stability and firm foundations, create something which will stand and serve; something which - even though it concerns the most mundane things of material life - by its harmony, by its orderliness, by its good workmanship, expresses God - the God within...

Children, I have not been able to take you very far; but on another occasion we will go a step further. I have asked you tonight to set about the preparation, the listening, the sending out from yourself of those sympathetic vibrations, which can, and will, contact with the vibrations of that which you wish to understand - the 'sensing', the 'hearing', as well as the 'seeing'. That is the next stage towards understanding the place which nature has in God's great scheme for the raising up of mankind...

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Children, there is one other point - quite on practical lines - and that is to remember, in regard to flowers and plants, that even as a surgeon treats his patient so should these be served. When a limb fails to do the duty which has been laid upon it, then, with a sure stroke, the surgeon removes that which offends. It is done in the quickest and the most skilful way, according to the knowledge available. It is but a little thing, but I want to teach you that flowers and plants have their capacity for 'feeling' - which, though not in the sense of physical 'pain', yet is definite - and rough handling causes a wrench, a jar, a 'sensation' to that which is delicately poised.

The flowers shed many tears in secret - and this, dear children, is not pure fancy only. They long to be loved, they long to be regarded in the way that God meant them to be regarded, they long to have their place in your lives and in the lives of the children of the earth - and so you can understand that, in the matter of care, of consideration, the flowers have their rights as well as the rest of God's creation.

It is true that the little ones err in this respect. They pick the pretty blooms, and soon, withered and broken, they lie on the ground to perish; their effort to express beauty has aroused neither the desire of the heart or mind, but of that lesser self which seeks but possession...

Teach the children then to be merciful; and, still more so, warn the older ones who so recklessly and heedlessly destroy loveliness without a pang; tell them that these things must not be; that the flowers which are given to them are trusts which will have to be made good some time, in other conditions, when they will see and know that, in God's sight, the tiny daisy has its place - and that place is for the raising up, for the expansion, for the releasing of the closed-in spiritual mind which is struggling to get free from its physical toils.

Yes, in the daisy as well as in the rose, God's love is shown. In the beauty of the sky is reflected the beauty of the trees; in the beauty of the trees you get the contrast of the sky. Each has its place; each draws its strength, its vitality, its being, its life, from God the Creator - and to God these things belong - gifted to the children of the earth by a generous Father - ah, yes, my children, gifts bestowed with so much love.

But it grieves the Giver of All when those who take seek but to destroy instead of preserve; seek but to make void the beauty He has created. Instead, by their thoughts, by their gratitude, by their

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acknowledgment of God in the flowers - to send those flowers onward with new strength, with greater possibilities of beauty and a higher expression of the Mind of the Divine.

Children, now I leave you. Keep your thoughts well under control. Whoever comes, be they for you or not, send them your love and sympathy, because each and all belong to the one Great Family - the family which is joined together for ever and for ever...

(Others then spoke...)

LEO TOLSTOY...

(Message given very slowly, with slight accent only)

...It is the little father, Tolstoy, and he comes to speak to the children of a country which, it would seem, is far away from his own.

It is but a word which I am permitted to give - it is to tell you to be strong, to be powerful for the good - and yet to have the simplicity of the heart, the gentleness of the Lamb which was slain. To preach not of the powerful force of the sadness and the misery which is enthralling all, even your people as well as my people, but to speak - to cry of the love of the Great, Great Eternal Father, who holds out His Hands to the little children to bring them up...

I was old when I found the path. When I was young, the powers of evil held me fast. When my eyes were opened, then I understood that God's laws cannot be defied, that the Spirit has to be answered, has to be followed, as a little child follows his father.

That understanding of the mind, it helped me, but I failed - failed because when I had taken the step, when I had answered the Voice, still the understanding of the Love of He who made me, escaped me and left me cold.

When I laid aside that body which I had understood so little, then it was made plain; and now, in humbleness indeed, I take up my cross and I follow Him. I follow Him down through the dark vales where men and women lie in the deepest despair. I follow Him out into those lonely places where the voice of companionship is not heard. There I seek and I find.

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There my mission lies - both on this little earth and in the many realms beyond.

It is through the death of self that the resurrection does come; it is only through the crucifixion of that which is not like Him that we can stand and can say: 'I have been born again'.

Teach this to the people and say it is from me - the little father, Tolstoy - who comes after many tears, after many wearinesses of the heart, to make plain that only by following in the Way that the Master has trod can freedom come, can understanding come, can the joy and the happiness be made our own.

Pray for me then, and let your hearts seek mine with sympathy and affection. Pray for the little father who did not understand - but who now understands, and, understanding, longs to teach.

My little children, it is 'Goodnight' but not 'Good-bye' - goodnight but not good-bye. And may the Great and Perfect Father of Love give you your heart's desire...

It is that I must go, but I come again... when God wills...

MAY CRANE...

Tell Mother that I am learning now how to create flowers. I know how fond she is of flowers and I thought it would please her. These flowers, of course, are very imperfect at first. You know, Mrs Moyes, it is like a child trying to build anything - he has got to learn by his mistakes.

Well, when we come here, that also is carried out; but the best part of it is we don't have to destroy when a thing goes wrong.

Now, I have tried, amongst other things, to create a violet. I chose a violet because they are considered so self-effacing - they are not proud flowers - and I thought they wouldn't mind. You see, it is hard to get rid of the earth point of view; I should hesitate to try and create an orchid, because - well, they seem, what we should call 'aristocratic'. Of course, they are not really; but we have our funny feelings, haven't we, and so I thought I'd like to make a violet, because they wouldn't mind.

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Well, first of all you have got to get your groundwork - that's where people make a mistake. They say: 'Oh, when you are in the Spirit you create by thought' - and lots of people think it's just sitting down and putting on a good hard 'think', and then the thing appears.

Of course, that wouldn't do at all. You can't build beautiful things in that easy way, because, if you could, why, you wouldn't value them. No, first of all you have to prepare yourself. You know what was said about listening to the voice of the flowers? Well, first of all, I had to listen to their voice, and, as it were, take on their conditions; because how can you build or make anything if you don't understand it?

That's why God makes everything so beautiful. You see, only God understands, only God can enter into that inner... - what is it? - that inner 'centre' of everything, because it all comes from Him. We have to learn to try and get inside of the vibrations of the thing we want to create before we can do anything.

You see, it isn't easy at all. I had a lot of trouble, and I'll tell you how I overcame it: Why, I got to love the violet so much, by understanding it, that, at last, the harmony between us was complete. And that's the whole secret of creation. Until the harmony between you and the thing you want to make is complete, you cannot build. It is what you would call a 'spiritual law'. So just - yes - so exactly what you would have expected if you had only stopped to think...

It is the same with everything in your world as well as in ours. Oh, you can put together, you can make things, you can create. But unless there is harmony between you and what you are trying to do, that thing is imperfect; and the only way to get that harmony is to try and get into harmony with God - with that part of God within which you are trying to make your own. Then if that is possible, the gates of knowledge open to you - in regard to that particular thing - and you step inside...

(When all had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, it has been a long evening, and I think, in spite of physical discomfort, you will all confess that even as we asked, God's Love has been vouchsafed...

Little children of the Light, onward we go - out of the shadows into the beauty of the morning - when revelation, when those good gifts of the

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Spirit shall be counted as your own. Only have faith, have courage, be watchful - and all will be well. There is in store for each one of you, that which the Father has prepared, which cannot be put into words; yet, because He is your Father, so He delights to bestow...

You are asked - ah, yes, asked as a Father asks His loved one - to come to Him and to receive His gift in person. You are asked to gather your resources together, and with joyful hearts, to continue the upward climb. There, on the crest of the hill, illumination awaits you; and if weariness and hesitation may have been yours in the past, surely now you have reached that stance when you can see something of the prospect which lies in front.

May God give you this greater vision. And may your hearts and minds be so in tune with Him that gladness will take the place of sadness, and the companionship of our Saviour, Christ, forever cast out the thought of loneliness - giving you just that courage which, sometimes, you feel you lack now - the courage which can say and mean: 'Whatever the obstacles, I am going to reach the highest!'

God bless you all, and steady you, and inspire you, so that you may not only gain the highest yourself, but may show others the glory and the beauty of the climb.

Goodnight, my children... You have done well, and happiness shall be your portion - the happiness which is of the Spirit... which is of God... Goodnight.



ZODIAC'S LIFE ON EARTH.

By Zodiac.

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Sunday, 1st March, 1925.

Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

O Holy Spirit, gather us into the Light. Grant that we may feel Thy Love on every side, make it possible that the barriers which the physical mind erect may be as nought; because these, Thy little children, are wishful to learn.

Heavenly Father, we pray Thee ever and ever again that we may be strong in courage and in hope, firm and determined in purpose. Grant that the healing balm may come to each one and that they may arise refreshed, re-inspired to carry on this work...

Father of Love, we know that all these things have been thought out and provided for by Thy unending care, by that Love which stretches out into the future to see that there may be no stumbling blocks to keep Thy children back... Thou clearest the way, and we know that all we have to do is to follow that brightness which leads into greater brightness still; and, as we tread the path, so the loved ones of the heavenly spheres gather round us to cheer us on our way...

Once more we thank Thee with humble hearts. We praise Thy Name, and we accept that greatest privilege of all - accept the office, which Thou hast laid upon us, to try and demonstrate to a sorrowful world that darkness is but a step from Light, and that sadness leads ever into the Joy which has no end...

Christ, help us, guide us, watch over us so that our steps may not stray, and give us understanding - yea, more understanding of the Love which is closing us in...

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*We ask these blessings for Thy dear Name's sake, knowing
that as we ask so the answer will come... Amen...*

...My little children, this evening we meet together in happiness - that deep, deep happiness of the Spirit, which ever more definitely is leading us out of the wilderness of misunderstanding into the golden land of enlightenment, when God's purpose shall be revealed, in the measure that we can take it in...

Children, in regard to using the word 'we' in our prayers and in our conversation together, some of you have thought that I do this in order to shield your feelings - that I place myself on a level with you and your experiences so that the thought may not arise that 'Zodiac stands aloof!'. Well, dear children, I thank you for your kindly thoughts - I thank you because you give me a motive which indicates, at least, that I am not unmindful of the position which you are in; but it is scarcely accurate, as you will see.

When, in those far-off days - too far off to be described in words - when Our Father God entrusted me with your lives and the lives of many others, who are known only to you in the Spirit, the Father knew - and I knew - that we should tread the path together. And I say, once more, that in everything that touches my own, I am indeed as your other self. And so you see when sadness has drawn a little close, quite naturally, I ask that 'we' may be lifted up into the Light which is of God.

You will never understand, while physical life remains, how I am in your lives - how I share in all that touches you. And, dear children, I bring this in once more so that each and everyone shall feel that indeed I am their companion as well as their guide.

There are several little things which I should like to talk over, and tonight is a suitable opportunity - for reasons which are beyond your range. I have been considering the thoughts of others who are not linked so closely to me, so they think, as you, my little ones, here - not only here in body but the many, who, by their thoughts, have sent their spirits into this little room...

There have been some, who, on reading the records of these evenings, have wondered why I speak in rather disparaging tones, apparently, of that which comes under the heading of 'Science'. It seems to

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them, that, rather unnecessarily, I decry what has cost much effort, much time, and much careful thought to bring within the reach of man.

Well, dear children, this is quite a fair comment to make. Yet, when I have explained myself a little, I think they will agree, that, after all, there is something to be said for my point of view...

Tonight, my children, I am going to tell you a little more about myself.

In those olden days - for that is how they appear to you, but strangely close to me - in those days my part was to teach and to explain. As you know, right through the ages, there have been certain sets of people who have devoted their life to studying the 'sciences', and to obtaining something of that greater knowledge which lies open to those so minded.

My children, you will remember, in your Sacred Book, many references to the scribes and to the 'learned' men of that time. You cannot class these as 'schoolmasters' because, for the most part, those who came to us had grown to man's estate. So, for the lack of a suitable word, I will leave it at this: That I was one who came of a long line of teachers of the House of Abraham, and it was my part to expound the Scriptures and to define the Law - that intricate, and, alas, so often misconstrued 'Law', which ruled the lives and thoughts of the people.

My children, I am having a little difficulty here, because it seems as though I were trying to give an impression of importance where I myself am concerned. But, as you know, there were many so-called learned men, each one had his office to fill, and each one had to go through a very drastic training indeed.

It is strange now to look back on that time, and to resist the memories which beat upon my mind...

In those days, experienced though I might be regarding the Word of God - of the Lord God Jehovah - yet, as I told you before, there were times when, in sadness of spirit, I asked myself whether I should ever see God - whether indeed such a One existed.

You see, dear children, that the Voice of God had been lost in an incredible amount of furniture, of embellishment, of misrepresentation,

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which had come - and daily was coming - from the minds of those who were appointed to teach...

I want you to try and get some conception of the effect of traditional thought, of theories, of dogma and doctrine - which had been handed down from generation to generation. The 'Word' had been added to and suffocated by the trappings which man, in his pride, thought necessary in order to 'support' the Truth, as given by God.

To you, in this period of freedom - freedom of thought and of action - it is impossible to understand how hemmed in the men and women were at the time when Our Lord appeared...

Children, I remind you here, that in order to approach God, our Father, our Creator, it is necessary only to go as a little child goes to his devoted parent - in faith and simplicity - just that and nothing more. That which the Father asks from us requires nothing beyond the range of a child - with, perhaps, the addition of the older one's acquiescence to the Divine Will.

It is difficult to portray the position of things at that time without giving an aspect of exaggeration. Yet it would be impossible to exaggerate the discussions, the disagreements, the turmoils of divergent opinion, which went on continually amongst all those who thought they were in a position to speak.

You will remember, dear children, that Our Lord draws attention, in many different ways, to the attitude of those representatives of the Most High - the priests, who had been entrusted with the Truth; those examples to the people of the life which should be lived...

Yes, the remembrance brings sad thoughts. But I would not have you go away with the idea that all were corrupt, that in the hearts and minds of some there was not the wish to rise, the wish to find the God which they worshipped in word and in form. These struggled against their conditions, yet, even so, were unable - by the rules and the powers of those higher up - were unable to do more than, in secret, speak to each other of the deeper, purer thoughts within...

My children, I was so mixed up with the life of these and of all those, who - drawn by the attractiveness of knowledge - gathered together to discuss 'the Truth'... I paused because human nature changes but little; it

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is very much the same today as it was in that yesterday; the instinct so often is not to discuss Truth in order to prove it true, but rather to prove that Truth is false indeed...

I have given you a faint idea of the environment in which I was placed, I have told you that I came of a long line of teachers, that I too was steeped in traditional thought, not only of my own day but of the generations which had passed away...

Then, out of this night of complicated thinking, out of the greyness of the dissatisfaction which was within, out of my narrow, blunted life I stepped - for Christ came. Christ came and brought me the Light which never fades, brought me the Love which no words can tell... I watched Him, I studied Him - I was used to judging human nature in all its forms. And as I watched, I marvelled - and as I listened - how I loved!

This is the whole explanation of my mission upon earth - the mission which has been entrusted to me: I saw Christ and He made me free...

Children, as you know, Christ went out of our lives in an amazingly short space of time. I say 'our' lives because when He went away, with the generosity which goes with service, those who were nearest to Him, those who had been longest with Him, gathered us in and made us one with them.

When Christ came into my life, it seemed to me that never before had I lived, had I thought, had I seen, had I heard. My life grew strangely impersonal - yes, I want you to understand that once the Truth had been made my own, the details of life, or what it had to offer, or what it took away, were as nothing to me - nothing to those who loved Him as He only could be loved...

The rest of my life has no bearing on my subject tonight; but I should like all those who read these records to think with me a little on what I am going to say:

I saw then - and, for the most part, the position has altered very little in essentials since - I saw then, that the greatest obstacles to simple Truth as expressed by the Master, that the greatest stumbling blocks in the human mind were erected by that same 'knowledge' - the knowledge which had been obtained solely in a physical way.

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In those days, dear children, there was that which came under the heading of 'Science' - and also that which came under the heading of what you call 'Theology' and these things alone blocked effectively - most effectively - the pathway which led out of the knowledge of things material into the unlimited realms which are of God.

It is strange that man is so dependent upon that which has been provided by the physical minds of others - it is strange that he should be so 'held' by that personal intellectual pride which makes him forget to whom he owes his mental vitality and the power to think. Right down through the ages this has been worked out again and again - that in 'self-glorification' the glory of God has been lost.

I want you to remember that there have been many 'men of note', as you would say, who have contributed to the thought of the world much that is valuable and much that will stand. But these, for the most part have ruled out a God of Love as non-existent.

You see, dear children, that, as I have told you before, man has started to acquire 'knowledge' from the wrong end. And although in time to come - by patience and by the help of those in the Spirit - he will work through to the God-idea, yet it is not the will of the Creator that so much time should be lost.

Look at the question how you may, make all allowances that are possible, and you will find that when man concentrates so definitely on the expansion of human thought, then, side by side with that, the Thought which is Divine is ruled out - ruled out as something which, perchance, will have to be considered later on, but for the time, the quest of knowledge is all-sufficient.

There are many who will admit that this is so, and I would like to remind them that when Our Lord walked upon the earth, He, with the greatest gift of wisdom anyone could provide - He who was Truth itself - was not only refused but was deemed worthy of death...

(Difficulty in continuing...)

My children, do not worry - we are having a little trouble tonight, but it is all part of the plan; and if you give of your thought and your prayers, all will be well.

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You see, dear children, that, in speaking of a subject like this, it is, as it were, a direct indictment against those who have long since seen the Light themselves. And, in speaking of what was, it brings back into the conditions here tonight, a sense of disharmony, a sense of betrayal - the betrayal of the better self - which it is not easy to work against...

And I, too, am rather held by the memories of the past. It seems strange to you, perhaps, that the past still should have this power. Yet, as you have been told, that which has been done is written on time - and although the effect can, and will, be worked out, yet, because it took place, so the mind goes back on it, and so the remembrance is vivid indeed.

My reason for speaking on this subject is this: That I want those who are influenced by that which science represents - I want them to recollect that although in God's sight these things are good, yet, very often, by misuse, they can indeed be weapons of destruction, where faith is concerned...

You will remember, my children, that those who were directly - yes, directly responsible for the death of Our Lord, for that most sinister attack upon Truth - that the responsible ones were even those who had taken upon themselves the office of representing the God of their fathers.

I want you to try and take in something of the stupendous nature of such a charge. I want you to realise that had the people - the simple people - been allowed to follow their instinct and their love, that act of Calvary would never have taken place...

And you get your parallel right down through the ages - that with those who concentrate on developing the physical mind - and you know each one is called upon to do this to the best of their ability - so often, in the expansion of those gifts the Giver of all is forgotten...

I ask you tonight - all who read this record - to try and take in the meaning I am anxious to convey: That although God understands the human heart and mind, and although His Love faileth never, yet certain responsibilities are laid upon those with the higher mental powers - and these, one day, will have to render an account of their stewardship.

Let not the thought go out that God is not able to protect His own. As in those days, the Truth was held intact while the Bringer of the Good Tidings was crucified - so today, and throughout all time, it shall be the

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same. God's ways are not man's ways; and though Truth may be trampled underfoot, yet ever and ever again it shall arise, imbued with new strength; until, at last, it dominates the hearts and minds of all...

Children, I think now we will talk a little about faith. I want you to take the interruption of this evening just as a little test and nothing more. I want you to realise that, now and again, as we go on, these things must be. I try and arrange that they shall come when too much distress will not be felt. Tonight it was necessary - before we could advance another pace - that the experience should be gone through; yet, with your help, I can say that we shall finish stronger than we began...

In regard to faith - all of my children have had trouble in this respect. And when, at times, they feel that their faith has grown a little dim, sadness comes, because it seems so hard that after having gone through the toil of the day - the worst of physical experiences - it seems hard that faith, that most precious gift of all, should not be stronger.

Yes, I suppose there are very few who have not thought on these lines; but tonight I have a message of cheer for you all: I want you to know that when these phases come very often, it means that you have reached a stage when you are ready for advancement - yet ere the advance is possible, the test must be taken.

There is a distinction - a great distinction - which is not brought out in a way sufficiently helpful to those who are on the climb: I want you to remember always that faith is not merely confined to 'feeling'. So many regret that the feeling of the closeness of God is absent. They look back on certain periods of their lives and they remember that there was a time when they were so conscious of the Divine Presence, so conscious of the Love of God, that life was sweetened thereby in a way impossible to describe.

Well, dear children, as you can understand, going along with the consciousness of the Divine Presence, your load is lightened enormously. Yet it provides no test - no test of that firmer, stronger faith, which must be there if the enemies of the Spirit are to be met and overcome.

Faith, as we interpret it, is 'action' - action, which, really, is the outward expression of the faith which is within. You see, dear children, that thoughts and feelings and hopings and strivings are incomplete

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unless there is some visible, determined effort - unless you give an 'expression' of that faith in action.

Tonight, I am told to say that those who find the definite feeling of faith missing in their minds, can - by steadying the will, by keeping on the path laid down, by concentrating on work for God - not only bring back that 'faith' into their lives, but a faith so strong, so dominant, that that which but represents 'feeling' fades away never to return again.

There is a vast field of explanation to be covered in regard to faith, and what it works out. It is impossible for you to understand yet, how God views things. But I want you all, tonight, to make a fresh demonstration of the faith which is within you... I want you to be able to say - that greater self which God has entrusted to you - I want you to be able to say, that although the enemies of the Spirit strike again and again, yet, by holding onto the Truth, by following in the path laid down, you are determined to reach the goal at last.

My children, on second thoughts, I have decided not to keep you any longer tonight. This evening is not a sad one, as you may think. True, there have been destructive thoughts, but that is not the cause of the interruption...

I want you to realise that only by God's most gracious gift can we meet in this way. I want you to be quite clear in your minds that where we, in the Spirit, are concerned, we are absolutely helpless unless we can draw the power direct from the Great Source. Try and take this disappointment in the way which He intends - take it as something which, for a purpose beyond your comprehension now, has been withheld - and as that to be placed amongst the things of the past, looking forward in joyful anticipation to the days to come...

The peace of God, the protection, and the care of the Understanding Mind of Love, is all around. Lift up your hearts and thoughts, and thank God that ever He brings you through, out of the twilight into that perfect Light which only His Love expresses... Goodnight, my children.

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ZODIAC'S INSTRUMENT - THE SPIRIT VOICE.

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O Understanding Mind of Love, we thank Thee with most grateful hearts that Thou guidest Thy children into the safe and secure path, that Thou ever lendest aid, and that we can come to Thee again and again - taking - and yet instructed to ask for more...

Heavenly Father, bless us in our work, bless this physical life which Thy children have undertaken; grant that the sense of 'hurt' may go, that there may be harmony between the body and the spirit, and that they may see, in the working through of experience, only Love - Thy infinite Love - and may be conscious that Thy understanding never fails.

Father and Mother God, we indeed long to be as we might be - we long, with all our hearts, to be able to rise out of those conditions of feeling and of thinking which are used by the shadows to hinder and hold us back.

Thou, O Father of Love, in Thy tender regard, are able to brush aside these intervening obstacles, and, holding Thy children close, bid them take courage and continue the path with brave hearts, and with eyes which can see beyond the present.

Take us and make us just what Thou wilt. We hand our wills over to Thee tonight, and we ask Thee to give us strength

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and determination, and joyful anticipation for that which lies in front... Amen...

...My little children, you will see once more that God's Love is so bountiful, so all-embracing, and that He ever listens to the petitions of His little ones.

I want you to regard our little experience just in the way which He intends - not to be cast down in thought but to realise that because you have undertaken this work, in His Name, of necessity, there must be times when you must be tried; tried to see how firm is your determination; tried to prove how strong is your love for God.

For, dear children, the love you give to me belongs to God indeed. Only by His power and His grace have I been able to come into your lives in this way; only through the Holy Spirit can I draw sufficient strength to portray to you - in limited expression indeed - but to portray to you something of those things which are of God.

Yes, dear children, although you sometimes forget it, it is God and God alone whom you love. I say 'forget it' because so often the shadows intervene, and, so far as you are concerned, for the moment block out the radiance which is of Him.

There is only One - only One who can understand us through and through; only One who has that same infinite patience, infinite love, infinite resource, which can anticipate all the future may hold...

Think you, my little ones, on Christ here in your midst, tending you, cheering you, comforting you, and yet not distressed that you do not realise His Presence - the Presence of the One who gives and gives again, and never waits for a response before giving still further...

Oh, my children, open the doors of your minds and let the Saviour in. Not the conventional God; not He who acts as a stern and a ruling parent; not as the father who only overlooks his children's lessons to find fault and to bid them turn to again...

No, my children. You and the world at large, have got to alter your views, your understanding, your conception of the Divine. Where Love is - there is Christ expressed. Where beauty is - that again but indicates a little of the Beauty of His Mind. Where hope and joy and happiness hold

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up their bright lamps - these but express a glimmering of the Light, of the Joy which comes from Him...

My children, tell it far and wide: Say that God, the Creator, the great Thinker of all things that have been and will be - that this same Lord of lords and King of kings is their most tender companion, their most understanding Friend, the ideal of everything that man's mind could conjure up.

To love God is not enough; to serve Him is not enough. There is that wider vision which allows you to take in something of His infinite Love for you - and until man understands more of the Love of God, so he fails in his 'message' to those he would teach...

GOD - that symbol, that expression, that explanation of Love in its magnitude and beauty and radiance. Let this statement go out to those who are serving Him in office; let them proclaim, again and again, that Love which the Father has for His children - yea, even though those children wish to know Him not.

My little ones, it is necessary for me to impress upon you once more how tender is the Father, how compassionate in all His deeds. Because a little thing went wrong, immediately - flying to the earth view - you thought it was 'punishment' - punishment for those straying thoughts, a punishment which a vindictive physical father, without love or understanding, would inflict on the helpless child in his grasp.

I tell you tonight, as I have told you before, that you cannot exaggerate the Love of God. And how could you think then, that after these years of loving communion - the effort and the thoughts and the time so spent - how could you think that the Mother-and-Father God could treat His children so?

Then I would pass on to another little point in explanation: There are some who have wondered why it is that this particular gift of the Spirit is bestowed upon one here and there. They question, in their minds, why others hear 'the voices' and they remain deaf to those finer vibrations.

Children, it is even thus, and I want you to take it in its broadest sense:

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I refer to my child's life because it illustrates my meaning exactly. Away back in the past, long before she knew me, long before she had anything but the haziest idea of the fatherhood of God, she heard 'a voice'. Now, I want you to consider this and to get things into their right proportion.

A child hears a voice, is unable to place it, but connects it, vaguely, with the God in Heaven, which she little understands. The voice guides her life - not into pleasant places - and here is the most important point of all: During the years of training, the voice of the Spirit led her down through the valley of suffering. Again and Again the injunction came: 'Give it up - let it go!' and, grieving, maybe, she followed the voice out into the wilderness, far from the sunny haunts of youth...

Children, this choice comes to all - but face it squarely. Those who wish to be 'used' in this way, those who would hear the voices of those who are passed on before - these have to go through much from which the physical mind shrinks and shrinks again. Always - and this must be so, it is the testing and the trying of the instrument - always the voice leads away from happiness, away from brightness; always it urges disentanglement from those closest desires of the heart. And then, when all has been relinquished - and I speak in deliberate tones as regards this - when those sweetest gifts of youth, of happiness, and of affection, have been laid down - willingly by the spirit if unwillingly so far as the physical mind is concerned - then, and then only, the voice, directed by God, leads them back out of the desert into the garden of happiness, out of the sorrow into the joy, out of the turmoil into the peace of the Spirit...

Children, if anyone should say to you: 'How can I hear the voices?' - tell them what I have told you tonight. That and that only, admits the soaring soul into the brightness of revelation.

I speak with great understanding for you all. And though I bring in my child, yet it is necessary that each one should face the problem which lies before them - should make the choice, should say: 'Whither Thou leadest I will follow'.

You must realise that in coming into your presence in this way, you get so much more of the personality of the one who loves you. Yet, think you if it was but 'a voice' coming from you know not where, echoing through the mind, and passing away, even as light passes in its course.

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This obedience to 'the voice' has built up much, it has allowed me to save her from many physical, mental and spiritual dangers - dangers which cannot be understood until you are free from the body.

I say - and she would wish it - that the physical mind may betray and betray; yet would I add that God does not forget - that my child is bound in the things of the Spirit for ever and for ever. There is no force, either on the earth plane or on any of those planes beyond, which can intervene between me and my trust...

Children, perhaps I spoke with undue vehemence, but you all know that when enemies draw close it rouses in you every scrap of determination and fire there is. You are strong for your own, you are resolved that what has been shall not be interfered with - and that is the lesson of the little experience we had last night. Oh, be not dismayed - let not your spirits go down when such incidents occur. Say to yourself: 'God is stronger than all; and because God loves me He will never allow the enemy to intervene, except to be overcome, so that we go on our way rejoicing'.

That is the keynote - that is the song you should ever sing: That, because you belong to God - because, in spite of weakness, you wish to be as He would have you be - the powers of darkness must give and give again.

It was a test for you all. And tonight I can say, with so much happiness, that the test has been taken and has been overcome - by God's grace and the willingness in your hearts.

Yes, dear children, we love each other well - oh, so well. And we are bound for a far, far country - a long, long journey which shall never find us weary, and never find us ever but eager to see what lies in front.

Children, the journey on earth, perhaps, is wearisome in its detail - yes, I know all about that. But the journey to which I refer is that which you undertake, oh, so gladly, when sleep claims you.

And when this little life of yours is over, you - in your new-found, wonderful, unlimited freedom - will stand with me; and looking at that which is Love in so marvellous a way - looking at Christ - you will say, indeed, that weariness, that unexpectation of the joys to come, never existed and never could - because the spirit sees always where it is bound, sees the Great Purpose, sees the part which it plays itself, sees - and this

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is best of all - sees the strength, the help, and the power, poured down on each striving soul by the Father, by the Good Shepherd, by the One who made us all...

- 'Let not your hearts be troubled, for I will send you a Comforter' (John 14). That Comforter is in your lives in a way you little understand, that Comforter will heal up all hearts and minds, will guide you on your way, will lead you into the peace which passeth all understanding, because God called and you have answered...

My children, I leave you now for a short space of time because there are others who wish to speak, and their disappointment was as real as yours, only with this difference: They knew the goodness of God would overcome everything and give them, for that which was missing, greater gifts instead...

I said, last night, that it was 'a happy evening'. By faith, you have turned that evening into a happy one indeed. Just remember this, and try and take it to heart: That always, by faith, by trust, by confidence, you can turn that which draws close to failure into the greatest success of all... and now I leave you...

(After others had spoken Zodiac returned and continued...)

...My children, I have a few more words to say to you, but not very many.

In regard to the statement I gave concerning my own life: Let it go forth, because, although it is incomplete and unfinished, yet even as it stands, it conveys something of the meaning - something of the message I wished to give.

There is one who I have in mind tonight. You call him 'Mr Allen' (the Rev. Hugh Allen)... and I think, in reading my words, he will be able to gather just this: That although the tools of the physical mind may be useful indeed, yet the gifts of the Spirit far and away out-value them, and bring a peace and a joy which physical knowledge never can hold.

He is learning fast, even as yet - I mean in this way: Those who have the scientific, logical type of mind, are inclined - when any expansion of the Truth is presented to them - they are inclined to say: 'Ah, but how does this work in with science?' - meaning with the theories which have been

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'proved', with these many so-called facts which take so large a place in the mind of man today. Yet, as I said, he is learning fast, and even at this early stage the balance of thought is being readjusted. The scientific side, more and more, he will find, will have to balance itself according to the spiritual. You see the transference of position which is taking place.

At first, this further revelation of the Truth, of the unlimited Love of the Father, as demonstrated in this way - this has to be brought into harmony with the scientific side of the physical mind. The next stage, when the spirit asserts itself and takes charge of its own, is that the things of the Spirit stand immovable, and the theories and accumulated evidence resulting from the mind of man - that these have to be adjusted to the spiritual, and not the spiritual to the physical.

Tell him just this: That there are those in the Spirit who would wish to help him, who are surrounding him with love and understanding. And if he can 'take' more easily, he will find that much of the strain, in regard to certain things in his life, will pass away.

God understands the human heart and mind so well. Did He not create the physical mind as well as the spiritual? And all He ever wishes is this: That man, by his own efforts, by the strength of the spirit within, should emerge out of the toils, out of the bondage of the mind which belongs to the body - and should use those greater, freer gifts, which belong to the mind which he will bring with him into the Realms of Light.

Then there is one other to whom I would refer (name not given). He thinks he knows me not; but we are friends - even as brothers - in the Spirit.

I tell him that what the Father promises, that He fulfils - not only in the word but in the spirit. That as he has given, so he shall take, and that which lies before him is fair indeed. God has bestowed certain gifts which are for use in His service - that he well knows. And I tell him that when he comes here he will look back and marvel again and again at the protection - the physical and spiritual protection - and the Guiding Hand which has led him all the way; the Guiding Hand which leads him on and on, not into new paths, but along the same old path with fresh beauty gathered in on either side. That is the path to which he has been called from the beginning, for which he has been prepared, for which every experience has been endured... That which the Father promises is fulfilled, and God's Love is around him in a way he little understands... Faith and trust,

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service and effort, courage and determination - these gifts, and many more, shall bring him into a revelation and an illumination of the Divine Purpose, which, of necessity, will grow and expand ever as he advances. And there I leave it.

My children, that last message was given with a certain amount of strain. But it was necessary to speak; and there are times when, following God's Will, I use every weapon and power at my disposal in order that it shall be accomplished.

Children, one last word, and that is purely and only of love - and tell my little Margaret that she, as well as the others, is in it too. Think ever of me just as one of yourselves. Think always of Zodiac so interested, so keen, so entirely one with you in all those bigger, nobler desires, which, although you recognise it not, are surging through your minds, gaining force and strength and stability as they go.

Regret nothing, my little ones, but render up thanks to the Great Father, who, out of His tenderness to His children, gives them not only that which they ask and understand, but indeed is endowing them with that which escapes the physical mind and belongs to the spirit alone.

Yes, we are tired tonight; but the body must stand aside. The weariness of the physical is powerless to come between us, and so I say, as I said last night - we finish stronger than we began.

We go on - one point farther, we scale one more difficult peak, and ever, as we climb, so the experience comes, so the faith arises, and so the determination comes to follow the Light, to listen to the Voice.

Ah, my children, if the world at large could understand what this means: Just to follow the Light and to listen for the Voice of the Spirit. If only it could understand, sorrow and grief and suffering could be surmounted, could be used as God means them to be used - merely as stepping-stones which allow us to enter into that which has no ending - that Harmony, that unity of Spirit, that linking up with Love Divine.

Goodnight, my little ones, and rest content. God's peace is all around and you are safe for ever more - safe because, obediently answering the Call, you are wishful to follow in the steps of Christ. And although it may seem to you that, again and again, you get off the path, yet, in the happy

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days to come, I will show you that the path was never forsaken - it was but a cloud between you and the Light... Goodnight, my children.



INFLUENCES, IMAGINATION AND INSPIRATION.

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O Christ, our Companion and our Friend, gather us all in this evening, and grant that, resting on Thy strength, we may be healed of the pains of mind and body; and thus restored, may go on, not only with determination, but with the inexpressible joy which comes from giving up ourselves into Thy service.

O God, increase our faith; grant that the shadows may be powerless to throw over the bright future those clouds of grey, which make Thy children hesitate over what lies in front... Grant that the spiritual sight with which Thou hast endowed them may enable them to see the Light and Light only...

Father of Infinite Love, we, Thy little children, have much to learn, have much to understand, ere we can partake of even a limited number of the uncountable joys which are our own - through Thy tender generosity... Let us be charged with faith, with trust and with that greater comprehension, so that the way may be gladsome indeed, and the past and all its memories powerless to hurt us more...

Father, we ask all these good gifts, as children, knowing that Thou art always ready to bestow, and will help and guide us... Amen...

...My children, we must go a little slowly in the beginning, because the enemies of the physical have been rather troublesome today; and, as you know, the effect of these struggles is a weariness of heart and mind, which hampers the spirit a little - in the measure that the physical and spiritual minds are not in harmony.

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You have been told that physical weakness and the vicissitudes of daily life are a source of gain to the spirit; and I would not have you overlook that point. But it is quite consistent to say, that, at the time, there is an adverse effect which such encounters leave behind; and it is with 'the present' I am engaged now...

Children, there are so many subjects to discuss, that, although these evenings were arranged for in that far yesterday, as you have been told before, yet the events and the thoughts and the conditions in which my fast-growing family is placed, make me hesitate a little in regard to the presentation of those grains of knowledge which I have been instructed to impart.

You see, dear children, that when we are free from the body and its many restrictions, when we have seen and have heard a few of the many wonders which are everywhere in the Realms of Light - then it is a little difficult to choose just that aspect of the grain of Truth we wish to teach - just the aspect, which, at the time, will be most acceptable to the physical mind.

You see, I am treating the physical mind as a thing of some importance - and so it is - it is the weapon, the tool, the vehicle of self-expression, which is tangible to you during the earth stages. Comparatively few people ever stop to consider or to analyse themselves - I mean they are quite content with the physical aspect of their lives; indeed, the body and its needs, its desires, its many requirements, provide such an interesting topic for conversation and for private thought that they do not wish to be bothered with anything further.

Look around you - how few there are who are conscious that, primarily, they are Spirit; how few who realise that the physical body is but a garment to be worn for a little while, until that which is within - having out-grown its use - lays it aside; when, so far as the actual 'body' is concerned, it will be forgotten and unregretted.

You see, human nature is still in a very elementary state in regard to those higher things of the Spirit - which, however, one day will have to engage the attention of all, whether they will or not.

I want you to think very seriously about those two instruments of use with which you are provided - I mean the physical and the spiritual

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minds. And although I refer to them under separate headings, this is entirely and only because man, as a whole, makes the division himself.

The physical mind is even as a sensitive plate, as you have been told before. It receives countless impressions - and, in its turn, through the vehicle of speech and of action, is able to pass on those impressions to others. You call it: 'Influence' and it can well come under that designation; but, after all, what is influence? Influence is the domination of a stronger thought, a stronger feeling, or a stronger vision over that which is weaker; and, as you know only too well, 'influence' can be detrimental in the extreme.

Now, in regard to the physical mind: That mind, to a certain extent, is at the mercy of its environment. The people you mix with, the books you read - these and a multitude of other emanations from things as well as from people - these being focussed on that which is intensely impressionable, builds up the thought and the attitude of mind which you carry on from day to day.

It is an interesting subject; but when you come here, dear children, you will see that indeed it has its sad aspect as well. There are so many 'influences' at work, of which the children undergoing their physical experience are entirely unaware. But Our Lord and all who followed in His steps, have ever exhorted mankind to keep close to God - close to the protection which He provides in so lavish a way.

Can you not understand that it was not possible to tell the people of that generation how the position really was? To tell them that not only those in the body, in their daily life, were influencing and swaying that physical mind not yet closely fettered to the Divine - but there were countless thousands, free from the body, it is true, but, alas, not free from the memory of physical thoughts - and these, dear children, do destructive work indeed.

I speak most seriously tonight, because, unfortunately, those who are in a sensitive condition of mind, are influenced to an enormous extent, by those others, who never cease to force their evil and harmful thoughts upon those who are out to climb.

Cannot you grasp what I would warn you against? Yes, there are those among my children who have suffered grievously from these attacks

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- and sorrow and heart-break and something akin to despair has been their portion as a result.

Children, if once you could see these enemies of Our Lord and Master, you would spurn them for ever more. It is because you cannot see them, and because you are scarcely on your guard sufficiently to 'feel' the nature of these destroying forces, that you allow them to approach.

There is so much underlying my warning - and I speak in most compassionate, most understanding tones, especially to the younger ones among you. I entreat you - for the sake of your spirit, for the sake of that God-given happiness which awaits you - I entreat you to meet these enemies as you would meet an enemy in physical life; not to quail, not to cringe, not to ask for mercy; but in confidence, with perfect self-control to say: 'I am linked to One who is stronger than you all!'

Oh, my children, how I long to help you more; yet if you refuse that unlimited help which is offered to you, what can we do but to pray and pray again? The spirit is held free and untouched by those attacks, but - as I explained in regard to the weakness of the physical body - at the time, there is damage done which we find it very hard to work against. But let me go back. We were thinking of the physical mind - and while I am on this subject, I want to take you a little further in regard to that much-discussed gift which you call: 'Imagination'.

Now, dear children, as you know, it is against my practice to attempt to destroy any of the many theories, so carefully thought out, concerning these different questions; and when you get on a little farther, you will find that the position is this: That I have destroyed very little that man has attempted to explain. I have merely taken you on from the physical aspect into the spiritual; and it all fits in quite harmoniously; and no blanks or awkward corners are left behind.

My children, imagination is a gift from God; but, as you are well aware, it can be used by those who are evil indeed. That 'image-making', which those who have studied the question find it quite easy to explain on physical grounds - to their satisfaction, and to the satisfaction of the majority - that word is, purely, a misnomer. Image-making or imagination, is something which is built up by other 'suggestions', influences, and scenes.

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Yet tonight, I tell you quite simply, that imagination - true imagination - has its roots in the Spirit and is of the Spirit alone.

Children, not only when you are asleep, but for a large portion of your waking hours, the real you is not fettered to the physical world at all; it is wandering in the Realms of the Spirit. And when you say, or you see, that a person is 'lost in thought', it means that the real self is functioning in one of the countless spiritual realms while the body remains on earth, doing its duty, following out its mundane tasks, may be; but only that which is akin to the world remains behind.

Children, in regard to the physical and the spiritual minds: When you get on a little, you will find that they can be so intermingled that it would be difficult to draw the dividing line. And yet I must explain this, otherwise you will get a false impression:

Now, the physical mind is the tool, the vehicle, which even the youngest souls bring with them for use during their earthly experience. As the soul evolves, it disentangles itself from that same physical mind, in one sense. Or let me put it another way round: That physical mind is slowly but surely becoming spiritualised.

And if you could draw a map representing the two gifts, you would find that, as you grow spiritually, as experience is made your own and overcome, so that which represents the physical mind is slowly but surely submerged by the spiritual. And it is possible. It was worked out by those servants of Christ who carried on His ministry - and it has been illustrated, again and again, by the so-called saints and holy teachers of all time. It is possible that ere the body is laid aside, that that which represents the physical mind exists no longer, because the spirit, rising and dominating that which is of the earth, is able to bring about this transition - which appears even as the 'destruction' of that which is associated with the body.

My children, I want you to get this clear. I want you to realise, more and more, that the physical and the spiritual interpenetrate again and again. It is purely a matter of personal effort - there is no division, so far as the Father is concerned, between that which is of Him and that which is of the world. Your part, during your earthly sojourn, is to take that which is not of Him, and - by prayer and effort and understanding - to change it from greyness into brightness - change it from that drabness which

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represents the thought of the world, into the Light and the Joy and the Beauty which is of God...

Never despair, little ones, if, on going through your physical minds, you feel that your task is only just begun - never despair. Because all have been through that stage - all those whom now you long to be like, all those dear ones, the bright ones, the visitors who come to you in this way - they have been through the hard stages too, and many - yes, many, are going through desperately hard stages now. The only difference being that they know - they are certain - that that which is not allied to the spirit, can be, and will be, made one with the Divine within...

Children, talking thus intimately with you, I take little points here and there, which I think will help you on your upward way; but again I come back to the chief subject, as it would appear to you: What is that illusive thing called 'Imagination?'

My children, it is at once a complex and a perfectly simple thing. It is memory - pure and simple - memory which brings its responsibility, as well as its privileges. During those periods when the mind of the spirit escapes from its imprisonment, it receives impressions of a varied kind; not only conceptions of things scarce understood by the physical organ - revelations of the wonders and the beauties which lie everywhere in the Higher Realms - but also impressions from those darker planes of thought, which are gathered close round each one in the world today.

Children, it is very much the same as listening to a complicated and intricate explanation in the form of a lecture - only those highly trained can bring away with them an accurate and comprehensive impression of what has been said. The majority, for the most part, are glad to fix upon given points; and, holding these 'points' firmly in the mind, at leisure, to go back over them and, by that same 'memory', fill in as many blanks as possible.

There, in illustration, you get a simple explanation of 'imagination'. The mind of the spirit soars out and away. During the sleep state, it is taken on many journeys far, far from the earth plane indeed. So much is acquired, so many sights and sounds and wonders and marvels are thrown upon that exquisitely delicate mechanism of the mind of the spirit, which, by their very spirituality, cannot be transferred to the mind of the body.

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Yet, what happens is this: A thought - an 'Inspiration' - is able to penetrate, but nothing more. Yet from that thought - that inspiration - the busy physical mind starts to build. And, as with the lecture, the individual, remembering a point here and there - by the aid of the Spirit power which is all around them - is able to conceive something which is harmony of sound, of beauty, or of structure.

And there you have the explanation of 'genius', whether it relates to the fine arts or whether to that greatest gift of all - the gift of understanding a little more of the things which are of God...

Children, this is a vast subject; and I want you to give me your full attention tonight - I am seeking to make the tangle straight, to give a clear and lucid idea of the processes of the physical mind and its relation to the mind of the spirit.

In regard to 'imagination' - and, of course, all the great 'masters' of art, in every form, have this gift in great proportion - in regard to imagination it can be a gift of God, or it can be turned into a wicked gift - as one of those so 'inspired' has put it (Tennyson?).

Here you get your warning - here you see the sign-post: Those who are sensitive in the degree that they retain the 'memory' of what they have seen, what they have experienced through the mind of the spirit - those so sensitive have their choice. They have their choice as to whether they will walk in the Fields of Holiness, or on those lower planes of thought and feeling which have been built up by the thoughts and feelings of men and women during their physical lives...

Now think you of this as it stands: It is possible for you, or for anyone, even during your waking hours, to send that mind of the spirit - which is free to wander where it will - to send it into conditions which are intensely harmful.

Children, free-will is never interfered with. And although 'imagination', so-called, is a gift of God, yet, because of that freedom of will, it is quite possible - indeed it happens more often than not - that that which is so free wanders in planes of thought which are destructive to the work which the spirit has set itself to accomplish. And here you get the desecration of art, here you get 'genius' used by the evil indeed.

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Children, there are many in the material world who, under the name of 'art', do much destructive work. They concentrate on the things which are of the earth, on that physical body which, as I have said, is but a garment to be laid aside and forgotten. Under the name of 'art', thought-influences which are dangerous to others go forth. And I would warn all those who read my words against this great mistake: Because that which is impure comes under the heading of 'art' - it does not make it pure. And, in God's sight - that which is built, that which is created, that which is portrayed which appeals only to the lower emotions - in God's sight, that is enemy work indeed.

Children, never allow yourselves to be persuaded that because thoughts which are impure, thoughts which are destructive to the spirit within - that because these are presented to you as 'art' - never allow yourselves to be persuaded that this is excuse enough.

So characteristically, so terribly characteristically, man concentrates on the body, on that which is physical, on that which never becomes anything more than physical - ignoring the quest of the soul within, ignoring the fact that although the body in which it is encased may be beautiful according to physical standards, the spirit - which is of God - is lovelier, far lovelier in every sense there could be.

The time will come when that which they regarded as beauty - that grace of form or of feature - when they will turn from the remembrance of that with loathing, because it signifies the state of bondage they were in, and how that 'imagination', how that 'memory', illustrated the journeys the mind of the spirit undertook - using that term 'spirit' purely in the sense that it signifies that within which is free, free to wander where it will outside your limited earth plane.

My children, the responsibility towards the real spirit, in regard to these journeys, is terrific. Cannot you see that yourself? The Father gives you unlimited freedom - except so far as that little which is 'physical' is concerned - the Father gives the 'real you' that wonderful freedom to roam where it will. And, more than that: Helpers and guides, trained servants of our God, wait to take you into those higher realms where holiness abounds on every side. Yet the freedom of the will cannot be interfered with; and so it is that during the hours of sleep many wander, not in planes of evil, it is true, but in those destructive planes of sadness, where 'the past' and all the 'questionings' are held.

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Children, cannot you understand? Think of the countless thousands who have lived and had their day - their regrets, their repinings, their backward thoughts, their prayers against the Spirit. These 'influences' stand, remaining until the soul within humanity has grown sufficiently strong to destroy them - and in these planes of twilight many wander during their daily life, as well as during the hours when sleep claims them.

I want you to look at things in a practical way. Life - physical life - may not be easy for many; it is difficult, indeed. Yet, in addition to grappling with the inevitable strain - unconsciously though it may be - the lesser self sends the greater self through those planes where misunderstanding has built up an atmosphere of sorrow and depression.

Oh, my children, let it be your part not only to control your own thoughts, but also to warn others of the danger which lies so close at hand. At will - mark you, at will - that which is free within can soar into the spheres where darkness is unknown; but you must send it thence deliberately and with intent. And then, dear children, I can promise you, and I can promise them, that the 'imagination' - that all those thoughts which float through the mind, coming from you know not where - all these shall bring a reflection of the brightness which the real you has left behind - left behind because you could not grapple with, or bear the Joy, which is the keynote of those conditions which are of God.

Yes, as I said, enough brightness to gladden your lives and to change the whole aspect of your point of view. This you shall bring back to the mind of the body - and then no more will the days seem long, no more will time pass on leaden feet, because, though imprisoned in the flesh, you will be living and acting and functioning, and even seeing, in the Spirit - the Spirit which is all around, ever more pressing, ever more persistent, and, by its magnetic force, pushing further and further away - or, if you will - covering more closely, more effectively, that which still remains 'physical' in the minds you use.

Children, after all, I have been able to say very little. There is, as you can understand, a variety of aspects in regard to the physical and spiritual mind, which must be understood either in your world or in those conditions hereafter. But I want you to think over what I have said: I want you to give that gift of 'imagination' its rightful place, and also to control its going out and its coming in - to allow yourselves no latitude in that direction...

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The fields of Light, those realms of holiness, of beauty and of power, are open to you in a way you little dream. Then send the mind of the spirit upward and ever upward, and close the door for ever on that which is destructive indeed.

My children, I will leave you now, but I must return to this subject again in the days to come. Prepare your minds so far as you are able, and remember what I have said: That if you could once see, with the eyes of the body, those 'influences' who masquerade as 'holy sorrow' and 'rightful grief' - if only you could see them, you would shrink from them in very truth - 'shrink' because you would know they are allied to that which is of darkness, using their powers solely to strike the Tender Heart of God. Because, remember, when you suffer, He suffers too; and when you grieve and when you feel the journey is over-long, then, because you are His own, so that which is Love Divine is hurt and hurt again... And now I leave you...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, I think we will not strain things too much tonight. God has been so good - has vouchsafed so much power, that we have carried through the evening with very little strain, except on the vocal cords.

Now, dear children, you often wonder, amongst yourselves, how it is that sometimes I can control - or, rather, produce the voice of the one I use - and yet, at other times, that same voice seems in danger of disappearing altogether.

It is a little difficult to explain; and yet, of course, all these things have a perfectly simple explanation, because they relate to those spiritual laws which are in evidence right through physical life, as well as through those conditions of Spirit, which you are even now learning a little about.

Children, I have told you that although unlimited power, drawn direct from God, is at my disposal, yet there are times when I refrain from using that power, because of the strain, in a physical sense, on my child.

Now, there is another little point: There may be those who think that considerable strain is put upon my little secretary (Dorrie) in the taking down of these records. I am not denying that, but - and this has been demonstrated over and over again - that which is given out at these

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gatherings is the direct tool which I am able to use in order to protect her from undue strain during her daily work...

I want to make this clear: When destructive forces are at work, my power, and the power of the many who love and would wish to help her - that power is limited in the degree that we can only just bring her through. Now, my child, I want you to try and take the comfort which is offered so freely. You have been told, again and again, that you work for God - and I can say that you do it willingly and to the best of your ability. And if you would have it so, the hours of effort given in this sacred way could protect you from those many attacks which the shadows - yes, I must say it - which the shadows concentrate upon inflicting. The time spent in this way, could protect you from the sorrow which such conflicts evoke in the physical mind...

You see, dear child, that even here I was hindered; showing once more how my power is limited. Unlimited from God's point of view, unlimited from my point of view - limited only by that unconscious act of free-will on your part.

My 'little secretary' - yes, I love to speak of her thus. My little child is protected from all real harm. But it is not a happy sight for us to see, that when hard-pressed by physical conditions, instead of opening her heart to us, she is inclined to close it and to let the love go by.

Never fear, my child - we shall bring you through - but we want to do more than that. We want to lift you, as you go, high above those destructive - to happiness, I mean - those destructive influences which are growing in strength; we long to lift you high above them into that which is your own - your own by steadiness of work, by the wish to do as God would have you do, by all those spiritual thoughts which have passed through your mind, but half-understood by the physical. These things - and many more - allow me to say, with so much happiness, that the joy of the Spirit is your own - only do not turn from Love - grasp it and hold it tight.

My children, I have allowed myself to be slightly diverted from the little explanation I wish to give regarding the question of the vocal cords.

Here again, you get a distinction. The conditions and the weakness of the body directly affect those cords, in an entirely physical way. On the other hand, there are emotional influences which have also to be taken into account. You have noticed that when some are speaking in this way,

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that the voice drops almost to a whisper. You must remember that during the time another inhabits the body of my child, their feelings - to a limited extent, it is true, because of the protection - their feelings act directly on the organs they are using.

For instance: You have had those who have wept, or, at any rate, have shed tears; you have those who have laughed; those who have struggled - successfully or unsuccessfully - with memories of past emotions. Just as the effect of feeling is noticeable at once in your voice, so the same is worked out - in a perfectly practical, feasible way - with the instrument that is used.

You will notice now, although it is the end of a long evening, that the voice is strong and shows no sign of failure - and why is this? Not only because we are happy together, not only because I am in full control, but, as the evening went on, the spirit was able to rise above and forget the physical conditions of the day, and, as it were - again perfectly naturally - to join hands with me. And so, doubly charged, we emerge out of apparent weakness into definite, greater strength.

If I have not made this clear, I will go back on it on another occasion.

My last words are these: That the test which was applied so recently (Sunday, 1st March?), has brought forth not only blossoms, and that which is beautiful from a spiritual point of view, but it has done this: Children, in order that a plant may grow and flourish, its roots must expand as well. Lovely though its flowers may be, if the roots have not sufficient soil - have not sufficient space in which to spread themselves - then the flowers above soon droop their heads and die.

And so it is with us all. In the matter of tests, the gain is twofold. Not only are the blossoms there to sweeten your earth's way, but, more important still, the roots - those firm roots which mean faith and action - they have also gained in strength and in fibre.

It is but a crude illustration, yet it serves. I want you to visualise this and to keep the image in your minds: That each effort put forth, each thought of holiness, each prayer for strength - adds beauty to the blossoms, and strength and life and capacity for further growth, to those roots which are in the Spirit - those roots from which the nourishment of mind and body must be obtained, that as you grow, so must the roots grow; and as you fight and overcome, you will see - within your own mind, within

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your own heart - that because the roots are strong and healthy, so the flowers are fair indeed...

And now my children, I leave you.

The Tender Father of Love bless you and comfort you and raise you up, giving you courage and faith and confidence - confidence in Him - confidence that because you are doing His work, so you will go forward, and so the Truth will spread... Goodnight, my children.



CHRIST THE JUDGED.

By Zodiac.

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Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

Thou, dear Lord, hearest our prayers. Thou answerest the petitions of Thy Children, both on the earth plane and in those many spheres which are numbered among Thine own; therefore, tonight we meet together in thankfulness, in the wish to learn and the wish to serve. Send down upon us Thy power, O Saviour Christ; grant that Thy little children may enter into the peace which is of Thee...

Father, guide us, steady us, remould us so that we indeed express something of Thy thought. Take away the earth impressions, block out the noise of the busy world and bid us enter into Holiness; and in Holiness to learn something of Thy wonderful purpose, of the plan which even now Thy children, unconsciously, are working upon...

O God, we ask these things in simple faith and trust. We come to Thee as children in understanding and development; and we know that ever, as Thou extended Thy most compassionate love to the little ones who gathered to Thy knee, so we also shall find in Thee tonight, and always, just that for which the heart cries out - the satisfaction of those longings which the mind cannot express, those inspirations and aspirations which concern the Spirit alone...

Father we thank Thee. Teach us how to be grateful, teach us how to pass on the good tidings to others - for Christ's sake... Amen...

...Good evening, my children, and I am going to say at once that I am very glad to see that others have listened to the Voice of the Spirit, and have come, instinctively, to that which teaches them a little more of the

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Mind of God, of God's wonderful thoughts towards His little ones cabined within the physical body.

Oh, never think that because you wander here awhile - outside, it seems to you, the range of things celestial - never think that more than that infinitesimal part of you remains outside. You cannot think one thought of unselfishness, one thought of self-discipline, one thought of God, without immediately entering into that which is of the Spirit.

Never think that the Father waits for the physical experience to lapse before giving you of His gifts. Remember that He said: 'Come unto Me', and in coming the gifts are vouchsafed...

Oh, my little children, if I could portray but once something of the tender Heart of God, you would indeed feel that the material things of the life which you now live are as naught; you would feel that being in touch with Him you could let all else go by.

Some of you have thought a little on my words. I told you that when Christ came into my physical life, what the world had to give, or what it had to take away, was as nothing - nothing to me (See Address: Zodiac's Life on Earth, 1st March, 1925).

And why was this? Simply, dear children, that, as I tried to explain to you before, my real self - all that felt and thought - was free, free from the tempestuous conditions in which I was placed, free to commune direct - the spirit within with the Parent Spirit - not above, not beyond my physical reach - but companioning me, by my side, accessible at any moment - mine, mine to call upon for strength, for endurance, for all that sweet peace in which my soul was bathed.

And that is the position of man today, but he heeds it not. Again and again you have it laid down in your scriptures - plainly and with no reason for twisting its meaning - you have it laid down that God is amongst you, with you all, in you, and you of Him... Oh, my children, tonight I ask you once more to stand free - free from these entangling thoughts, free to grow, free to be, and free to act.

This is the future, this is what lies before you in a way impossible for you to grasp now; the life of service, which is of joy, which is of peace - that life which knows no ending, which can defy physical death - for it shall come to you and you shall know it not. This is the future, and it goes on for

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all eternity, because you are linked to Christ - Christ, who never rests, who never grows weary of helping, strengthening, calling His children on and on...

On earth valuable time is wasted; on all sides you see your fellow beings pursuing that which is but an echo of the real. But when this brief experience is over, then they will have to go back on their tracks, and, with sorrow and with suffering, rebuild, re-create, remould as the spirit within directs.

Yes, there is much that lies in front, but tonight, for a few minutes, I want you to think of Christ. On other evenings we have taken various subjects which have raised queries in the physical minds of one or the other; and, as time goes on, I intend to deal with all these questions, with all those debatable points, in order to clear a space - to clear the vibrations so that the mind of the spirit can be free. It is impossible for you to understand the things which are of God while these teasing queries remain unanswered; but, mark you, I do this for one purpose only - to prepare, to attune your minds so that the Greater Wisdom may find a lodgement within...

Tonight, then, we will take the highest and the best and the sweetest - we will think of Christ: Christ, not only in those days of old, living amongst men, teaching, helping, healing - but Christ, the same Christ who was from the beginning, and will be unto the end. For, as I have told you before, the Lord God Jehovah was, and is, the same Gentle Shepherd who was slain by man.

But think you, my children, of this: Christ said: 'For judgement I am come... that they which see not, might see' (John 9:39) - and I want you to consider this statement in its true aspect. You have it on record that the Saviour also said that He came: 'not to judge the world but to save it' (John 12:47), and that stands for all time.

Christ, God, the King of Kings, came into our midst with a simplicity, with a love past all understanding - came not to judge others but to be judged by us. And those who had eyes to see, those who had tried to cleanse their sin-stained hearts, they saw the Divine, they saw that which was Tenderness personified, Tenderness demonstrated as never it had been before... God came into the midst of mankind for judgement - judgement by the children which He created - saying to them, saying to

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you, to the world at large: 'Look at Me, examine Me, judge Me, because you belong to Me and I belong to you!'

Children, the physical mind finds it impossible to grasp such exquisite humility. The physical mind, so glorying in its own petty powers, cannot understand that the One with all-Power, the One who created everything, who thought out the marvels of this and of that - those marvels which, dear children, you know little about and of which man, as a whole, is entirely ignorant, the glories and the wonders which are of the Spirit - the God who made us all, the God who gave us Life, who has endowed us with His Spirit, part of Himself - that He came down to earth, and before His children submitted Himself for judgement, so that they who were blind might see, that the voice of the spirit should be heard, should answer, and break free...

Children, as you know, Love Divine, past all understanding, was, by the few, deemed deserving of death... Listen and take it in; visualise that scene yourself - not the agony of the Cross, not the torture of the body, but the anguish of the Spirit within, the anguish of Love refused - the anguish of seeing His little ones bind themselves to the forces which are of darkness.

Here you get the true representation of the Crucifixion, before which the physical suffering seems as nothing. God crucified by those He came to help, to heal, and to save from their lesser selves. Love - understanding Love - spurned and despised.

This is the real lesson of Lent, this is what I would have you ponder over - for then you will see that it is in the power of humanity to crucify God again and again. True, the physical body is no more, but, as you know full well, Christ is bound to you, walks with you through your physical experiences, suffers with you - indeed is anguished when you turn from Him, not understanding the gift which is held out...

That is the lesson of this season of sacred memories. Christ came for judgement - and Christ is judged by you all during your daily life. Is He worth following? Is He worth fighting for? Is His Love worth having? These are the questions put to each one again and again. The Lord God of all waits - waits with that exquisite patience, waits for man to judge Him and to say: 'This is my God Whom I adore!'

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Yes, dear children, the days go on, time is flying fast; thousands pass over spiritually unawakened, totally ignorant of the duty they owe to the Divinity within. And then, when they have laid the body aside, they see and they understand. Not at first, it is true. You cannot turn your eyes from Love during the physical journey and then, when that is o'er, look at the Divine. No, the eyes are chained to the earth, the evil which they have sought, deliberately, has closed them in; and because they preferred the darkness, when the Light was all around, so they must wait - wait until the stifled desire of the spirit within gains strength to assert itself once more.

Children, you know that I have told you often that Christ's love is around the lowest, the weakest, those who have betrayed the Spirit most. The Father and His children are never separated, but the child turns from the Father and heeds Him not. Yet you must know that time so wasted takes much effort to make up; that death, the death of the body, changes you not at all - in this sense: That where your desires are, there do you go. Each goes into 'his own place', and that place is being built up, point by point, as the thoughts, as the actions, as those worst emotions surge through the mind. They are there to be faced, to be conquered and to be overcome; and that which was not done when the opportunity was offered, during the earthly experience - then, when that time is over, he who was blind has to learn to see... Changed, and yet not changed when the physical body is no more...

Yet I have a word of infinite comfort for those who have tried and have failed again and again. To those I say: As you have striven, as that greater 'you' within longs to soar, to be free of the cloying thoughts that seek to hold you back - as the desires, as the aspirations - so you shall find, when the garment is laid aside, that you step free into that which you longed to be...

That is the pilgrim's progress; and so, dear children, I want you tonight, as always, to get back, back to the Christ way of thinking.

First of all, in your mind, to build up a portrait of The Beloved - yes, of the One who understands you best, the One who loves you whatever you are, whatever you fail to be. Get before you that Image of Love, and then call out the spirit of God which is within - and you can do it, by thought. You can do it in your daily work, in the most mundane tasks which make up your lives. All that is necessary to contact with the Divine is just the wish - just the thought: 'God hold me, God keep me.'

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Prayer is thought, remember that. You were told to pray, to withdraw from others and kneel in prayer. This, as the Father knew so well, was of aid to you in raising the mind from those multitude of physical distractions; but with the soul who knows and who recognises his Saviour, he can contact with the Divine on a second's thought...

Remember that whatever you do, Christ is by your side, Christ is there to help you, to guide you and to restore; and if this one thought is stored in the mind - 'God', or 'Christ', or 'Master' - just the one thought - then the communion between you is complete... That is prayer, prayer penetrating into those Realms of Holiness which represent God - 'my Father', 'my Saviour', 'my Beloved'.

Children, there is one other point which I should like to speak about tonight. It is in regard to the quest which is in front of you all. I am not speaking of physical conditions just now - I am speaking of those journeys which the greater mind takes when sleep claims you, or even during the busy day when your thoughts travel off on their own.

I want you to know wither your steps are trending - what is the task which lies before you in regard to the spiritualisation of that which must be allied to the spirit within...

Children, it is a little difficult to put into words, but I have to tell you that a 'trinity' lies before each one in regard to the expansion and the development of your own individuality.

In order to be used by God after the physical body has been relinquished, in order to do that pioneer work - that work which allies you to the peace and the joy which is of Him - in each man and in each woman there has to be a 'trinity' of development.

It is as this: In the days to come, when you will see with the eyes of the spirit - there, contained in you, must be the perfect man, the perfect woman, and the perfect child.

Now this statement may seem a little confusing, but wait and I will explain:

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You see, dear children, in the God-Mind there is completion; and yet, endowed with a physical body, of necessity your characteristics are those associated with the masculine or the feminine, as the case may be...

At once, you see that, to a certain extent, during the physical experience you can only develop along the line of the characteristics which you possess; but, and this must strike home to all, there are certain characteristics which, more or less, are reserved for the man or for the woman; and, of course, with the child, there are those gifts of the Spirit which are lost or submerged as the years go on.

Some there are who have noticed with disgust, that woman is inclined to show tendencies which are rather masculine than feminine; and, again, the accusation is brought against man that he, in some respects, is losing that manliness which marked him off from the woman...

Let not these things distress you. True it is that human nature mistakes the guiding path, and takes the wrong road which brings pain in the end. Yet I would tell you this: That if man would choose to emulate those higher qualities of tenderness, of sacrifice, and devotional love, which the woman possesses - he would find that he was growing nearer to the God-ideal. And if woman, instead of aping those characteristics which so often indicate the lesser side of man - if woman would focus her attention on his strength and stability, his courage and the executive power to act in times of need, so she too would grow nearer to the Divine within.

You see, dear children, where I am leading you. This is the meaning - the purpose of God's plan in linking men and women together; but how humanity as a whole has marred that plan!

Yes, each should draw strength from the other - that is the ideal. And although certain qualities may be associated with a feminine or a masculine body, yet, through companionship, each may catch the reflected light from the other; when, seeing its beauty, they long to make it their own...

And then we come to the child. My little ones, after you have traversed far, after you have experienced much, then it will dawn upon you that there is only one thing which can give the finishing touch to that which has been brought together by much labour, by much discipline of self - the purity, the faith, and the trust of a little child.

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That lies before each one. Though their minds may be saturated with the material things of the physical world, that is their quest, and what has to be, and will be accomplished, although aeons and aeons of time may elapse before it is done.

Think you of this... There are some things which go too deep to be put into words. As you know, I saw Christ - I was with Him, I listened to Him, and I loved Him as I never knew it was possible to love before. And then, when my body was laid aside, I entered into those sweetnesses, those inexpressible joys which are part of the vibrations which He pours out upon us all. The power and the glories and the wonders - I mention them not, because once you have seen something of the Love of God, then you have got the highest and the best.

Think over my words, and let the spirit within guide you and teach you and lead you on. God will help you - He will never cease in His efforts to break down those last defences of the physical mind; and once these are laid low, so you too, little children of my heart, will enter into that peace which passeth all bounds... And so I leave you...

(Others then spoke...)

REV. ARTHUR CHAMBERS...

...It is Chambers, Mrs Moyes. I haven't been for a long time, but I have been busy, although not quite in the way you think. I've come tonight just to say a few words, because not only do I like to be with you but there are two others here who I'd like to remember me in this way (Mr Goddard and Mr Hall).

It is a bit difficult to start at first... The one you call 'Zodiac' - well, I mustn't say anything, but I can't quite get a grip over the conditions he has left behind.

Mrs Moyes, there is one thing I'd like to clear up in the beginning, and that is in regard to the different mediums I use. It seems to you - and I can understand it - that I should have chosen the better part if I had kept to those who love me and those I tried to teach. Well, I can imagine that it is hard for anyone who is on earth to get inside another's feelings; but it is impossible - once you have passed out and seen - to stop working, working,

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working! Yet you should know that although we may go hither and thither, our heart and our love is not changed because of this.

But what I have come to speak about tonight, is the attitude of my colleagues in the Church.

It is a sore point with some of those who are working for the spreading of this Truth... I don't mean you, but in looking round I see that so many have that heart-sick feeling, the feeling that the boat is loaded and anchored on the mud because those who have the power to release the stream - the free stream - and to float the boat, are withholding their hand...

You must remember that I speak with a certain amount of feeling over this. I suffered in a curious way when I was attempting to ram this Truth home myself. Do you know, I suppose I hardly went to one Church where the Vicar didn't say: 'Go gently with your theories, Chambers, go gently!' - and it was with that ringing in my mind that I got up to preach.

Mrs Moyes, you won't misunderstand, I know, when I say that there were hundreds who came in from outlying villages, trudging weary miles in order to hear my message of hope - to be assured that their 'dead' still cared for them, still thought of them, and that they had not lost them so long as physical life remained.

Don't think I am judging others but you do see the position in which I was placed. With this Truth burning in my heart and mind, with the longing to tell them and to comfort them, and to bid them to tell others, so that bar was thrown across the free stream of my thoughts - 'Go gently!'

I have been listening to a lot of talk just lately, I have been to the Congress and I have stood by one and the other. I have followed the discussions - the ins and the outs and the outs and the ins - and then I watched the shaking of hands and the departure of each one to his own home and parish...

But I want you to know this: That these men thought they had done a good day's work - and because they thought so and wanted to do the right thing, so that is stored up for them. But as those in the Spirit see things - well, it nearly broke our hearts. All the words, the words, the words! - and the starved spirit of the world crying in vain for bread. I said, Mrs Moyes, 'for bread' - the bread of Life-Everlasting!

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And then I come back to myself - I always come back to myself: 'Why didn't I do more - why didn't I do more!' - and in that cry you have the tragedy of my life...

They too, when the vision comes, when they see with the eyes of the spirit - they too will be tortured, even as I have been tortured; and all the Love, the power, and the beauties over here, cannot take away this agony of self-reproach...

I yielded not to others to this extent: I spoke, as you know, of the Truth. But the shadows, using the thoughts and the speech of those I admired and respected, were for ever pointing out imaginary dangers - pointing out that it was not wise, that there were unbalanced people and they might suffer!

And I was influenced - thinking I was 'guided', being very much on my own, and feeling that perhaps God might regard me as exceeding my duty; for, after all, who was I to get up and try and teach the world!...

You can see the methods the shadows use - the subtlety, the accursed subtlety of it all!

You can't do much more than you are doing; and you can't force people into the safe path which will take away half of the compunction later on - you can't do it - but you can try; and that's my little message tonight. And when you are free yourself, you will be able to look back and see that because the Light had managed to creep into your minds, so you spoke of that Light to others; that because you had been taught something of the things which are of God, so, in turn, you tried to show others where beauty and holiness and peace and freedom lay waiting for them.

For you who are here tonight, I have one word and that is this: You have been given a chance - not to escape the wrath of God because that never existed, nor the purgatory built up by the cruelty in the physical minds of men - but to escape, in some measure, the agony of facing Love, Love and perfect forgiveness, knowing that you have not even done your best to deserve either one or the other.

Mrs Moyes, don't be sad! I'm not sad really, although I suffer, it is true. But these few words will tell you why it is that I go on and on, why it is that I lose no opportunity - that I must speak and speak again, trying to

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do something of that which I wanted to do when I was on earth, but was held back by the shadows.

I have told you before, that if I had my physical life over again, I'd go out into the public market places, into the busy street, at the cross roads, and whether I was howled down or not, I would tell the people something of what lies before them; tell them not only that their loved ones are all around them, but that they are torturing those loved ones by their evil ways - torturing those who have passed out of physical existence - because where love is, those who remain behind cannot think or act evilly, without striking the ones linked to them, who see and who know.

One more word: Ralph, tell my colleagues that I came tonight, that my happiness, so far as gifts and conditions are concerned - that that happiness is as complete as anyone could imagine - but tell them also my point of view...

God help us all to be strong, and, when we have seen the Light, never to drop our eyes again. That is all.

I am not sending a message specially to Kate or to Nellie, except to remind them of the past and - what I said before - the work which lies in front; work with mind and spirit, by prayer and by suffering - the work which lies in front! That is holding me fast - to make good, to build stronger, to keep closer to my Saviour, Christ, who has led me through and is teaching me how to grow... Goodnight...

(When all had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, we must not strain things too much. We have had a long and useful evening and I want you, as you go your separate ways, to remember that it is the Spirit which called you together, and that it is the Spirit that ever and ever again bids you put your ideals one point higher up.

That is what man so often forgets. In talking to himself and to others against this principle, he says: 'Ideals are not practical in a practical world!' But I say that when the physical life is ended, the children of the earth will see that the most practical thing in their lives was their idealism; for that stands while the things of the earth pass away...

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Children, there are many on the earth side who have sought to gather to themselves much that is desirable, much that delights the heart and the mind and the eye; but when you stand free in the Spirit, you will realise that these possessions were as dross indeed. 'Not as the world giveth, give I unto you' (John 14:27), but those priceless gifts - the knowledge and the understanding of the Mind of God.

Remember: 'Render unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's' - to the world the work of the world; and unto God the thoughts, the dedication, the sanctities of your heart and mind. For only by this process, by following the narrow, steep path up the mountain-side, can the vision glorious be your own.

These are my closing words - used once before tonight: To the prepared mind the vision comes; to the disciplined heart the love which is of God. There you have the thing complete, unity with the spirit within - that spirit linking itself, forged to the Divine Father-Spirit, whose Love is everywhere in your lives, whatever state or sphere or condition you may be in; that all-Pervading Love, that Holiness, that Sweetness, that inexpressible Peace - linked to the Father as sons and daughters, linked to the Most High. That is the gift, that is the free-offering made to you and to all. Then arise in heart and mind and take that which is your own.

God bless you all. May His peace rest over you, banishing misgivings and misunderstandings. May the consciousness of something of His wonderful love penetrate into your physical minds, turning all the world into sunshine and brightness and joy... Amen.

Goodnight, my children.



CHILDREN.

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Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

O God, as little children we come before Thee, and we ask Thee to give us all a definite consciousness of Thy Presence here tonight. We ask Thee to banish the remembrance of the world and its many physical discomforts, to allow Thy children to penetrate, free and untrammelled, into the Summerland, which is even as the courtyard to the Sacred Realms.

O God, help us and cleanse us and prepare us more and more for the great work which lies in front. Grant that we may see in the tests just milestones passed, grant that the hardness of the road may be forgotten, and the strained feeling - which makes Thy children feel prisoners indeed - grant that this may give place to the larger understanding, when the mind is able to visualise the beauty which lies on either side, hidden only by physical conditions...

Tender Shepherd, we come to Thee tonight with so much confidence, with such perfect trust in Thy compassionate, uplifting and strengthening Love. Let us continue, not only with faith, but with certainty that Thou art here, and art tending each one according to their needs.

Father of Love, we thank Thee once again. We dedicate our hearts and minds to Thy service, the spirit rejoicing ever that so much lies behind, that so many difficulties have been surmounted, that so much power has been gathered together to help the weak, to comfort the heart-broken, and to inspire those who have fixed their eyes upon the Light - those who mean to climb to the highest point, however strong the enemies and however great the obstacles may be...

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Father, bless us as we meet together, and give us that greater understanding, which not only makes all things plain and clear, but beautiful and right, in our sight as well as in Thine own... Amen...

...Good evening, my children. You will have noticed that tonight, for the first time, I dispensed with the few words of prayer which you say together. I did this for one reason only: I found it advisable to release my child from the physical body at the earliest possible moment. You know, dear children, that at times the prison-house of the flesh seems almost more than you can bear; but I have told you that God never allows the breaking-point to be reached.

In some way or other, the tide of adverse conditions is turned, and, in the pause, the mind is able to gather together its resources - to meet the enemy not only with courage but with the ammunition necessary to drive it back.

Well, dear children, when anyone has given themselves up to this sacred work for God, it is the easiest thing to release them from the physical world; and by allowing the spirit to rest in this manner, it quickly regains its poise and continues its way re-charged direct from God.

I give this little explanation because, otherwise, you might think that the words of dedication - with which you start our little conversation - lest you might think that these words were not acceptable to the Father.

Well, dear children, the time has been rather taken away from us tonight, as it would seem to you (9 p.m.) so I will not dwell unduly on these opening remarks, but would assure you - for I know how much compassion, real compassion there was in your minds - I would assure you that my child is now quite happy and content; and - I am bound to confess it - the chief reason of her happiness and contentment is that she has got rid of that 'incubus' of the body, as some of you regard the temple of the soul.

Ah! my little ones, you will never know until you stand with us and look earthwards - you will never know what that same troublesome physical body, what those irksome conditions in the physical world, the irritations, the strain, the selfishness of others - or what appears as lack of consideration of some towards their fellow-beings - not until you stand with us and look over that plane which you call 'the earth' will you

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understand and appreciate all that the physical experience has done for you...

Well, dear children, never think because I point out these things to you that I do not understand, that I cannot enter fully into all your lives - what they hold and what has been cast away. Never forget that we are as one; yet only can that at-one-ment be possible because Christ has given you into my care, and Christ's Love has made the link between us. His strength, His power holds them intact, and His mighty understanding foresees everything that might seek to break them in twain.

Christ, the Gentle Saviour, is in your lives, in your hearts - in a way you little understand. Yet, as time goes on, those grosser layers of physical and material thought shall be cast aside, shall be removed one by one, and, as the refining process takes place, so the realisation shall come that the love within for the Tender Shepherd is stronger, greater, more lasting than anything else, and has been from the beginning.

And now, my little ones, there are several things which we will think about together; and tonight I am going to lessen the personal messages in rather a drastic manner, because I am anxious and ever more anxious to teach you and to expand the borders of the spiritual mind, so that indeed the physical shall be ousted out never to return again.

There has been a little said already in regard to the work which the children undertake for the Father, and this evening I rather want to underline the children's side: I mean those who have been with you just a little while and then, ere the bud had opened, the flower was gathered into the Gardens of the Spirit, there to bloom under the Sun of Holiness, there to bring sweetness and renewal of faith to those who have lived the allotted span...

Children, you will recall my remarks in regard to those who have cultivated their physical minds to the fullest extent. These have contributed, more or less, valuable and useful information to the world of their day, and also to the generations which are coming along. Yet, dear children, I told you also that physical thinking and spiritual thinking were not connected, in the majority of cases.

I put it that way, because I want you to understand clearly that the man who trains and schools and feeds the physical mind to the best of his ability and opportunity, that if he were so minded he could carry the mind

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of the spirit along with him, point by point. But it occurs very often that the physical mind and its powers - its vitality - is sufficient; indeed it is all-satisfying to the possessor, and he is quite content to - as he might put it: 'Let Heaven look after itself.'

Well, dear children, when such as these pass out of the physical body, they have to leave that same physical mind behind - in the sense that memory only is taken with them. Mark this clearly: I have told you that during the sleep state, and times of meditation, you pass out of the physical plane into one or other of the spiritual realms - and I said it was 'memory' which allowed you, sometimes, to bring back a faint impression of what you had been witnessing.

Now dear children, when you are in the spiritual body, you are again dependent upon memory in precisely the same way in regard to events on earth - for physical facts, for those things which are not connected with the mind of the spirit.

But affection, compassion and tender recollection of the kindnesses of others - all those gifts which have been acquired and used while undergoing the physical experience - these are carried over with you...

But let me go back. It was necessary to give that little explanation, otherwise you might become confused.

When these highly trained mental characters leave their bodies and the physical side of their minds behind, they feel strangely lost - lost and bewildered - just the same as if you awoke without preparation and found yourselves in a Chinese village. I use that illustration because there are no words which can express the sense of bewilderment, and, in some cases, childish apprehension, with which the highly trained mentally - but not spiritually - meet their new conditions.

Well, dear children, such as these - unless they have kept a definite place in their heart and mind for those attributes associated with God - these are very difficult to help. You cannot spend the greater portion of your physical life teaching others, laying down the law, producing facts and statements which you affirm cannot be denied - you cannot suddenly throw over this attitude of mind - and so it is that although they are confused by their new conditions, yet they resent any little explanation which others would make in order to help them...

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But after a little while, after the bruised feeling resulting from the dim consciousness of being betrayed - or, as some would say: 'Let down' by the physical mind - after that bruised, sore feeling has passed, then they are more approachable.

But still great tact is required, and here it is that the children are invaluable. The little ones just dance into their lives. Their youth, their innocence, their purity, catches the attention of these world-worn, somewhat hardened travellers - and it would delight you to see how, from the most trivial little thing, a friendship springs up. First of all it is an attraction by the eye - the children are very sweet to look upon, and the colours which are the emanations of purity and simplicity are exquisite indeed... Later on, when the trust between them has been cemented, then it is that the children commence to teach them something about the wonders of the Love of God.

I want you to try and visualise this: A child when she has found a treasure, is always anxious to show it to others - to disclose the little secret spot which she thinks she has chanced upon in her play. Now I want you to understand that the children over here are children; they are not precocious, not the 'old heads on young shoulders' which perhaps are rather in evidence in the world today. That is entirely 'physical', and, for the most part, on the destructive side.

No, the little ones here are children, children in every sense that you could think of, with this exception: Very soon after they are gathered into the Realms of Light, the harmony and the love and the beauty - well, that overrides any little naughtiness or wilfulness that may remain; also the force of example has its influence in a way which those on earth cannot understand...

So, dear children, I want you to realise that when the little ones take under their care those who have excluded the things of God from their physical lives, they teach them as a child would - by showing them their little treasures, by a simple description of something they have seen, which, because of their childish frankness, convinces the older one that it must be true.

And so it is that the children work for God - work in their own way, I mean. And love, of course, plays an enormous part, for when the older ones begin to see and begin to try and understand something of the gigantic plan in the Father's Mind, then they are overwhelmed with humiliation

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and self-reproach. At these times, no one could help them except a little child. They - as children would - see that something is wrong, so their little arms go round the sufferer's neck, and in that sweetest of all links the real man is able to emerge and to grow stronger.

Children, there are many, many aspects of this particular work, yet I am bound to stop at this stage because tonight I want to emphasise particularly that what was said in prophecy regarding Our Lord - 'A little child shall lead them' - applies to the spirit of every child who has taken on physical existence.

Yes, a little child shall lead them out of the winding paths of physical thought, out of all those thickets of deduction, out of the twilight into the Light, when those so bound by the capabilities of the mind of the body will realise that those capabilities, which they prized so much, were gifts direct from God - only they had put them to a use which was never in the Father's Mind.

- 'A little child shall lead them!' - There are countless thousands in the Realms of the Spirit who never would have reached the Light of Holiness had it not been for the children, had it not been for the little thoughts, the tender fancies and the exquisite simplicity of the infant mind which was under the direct influence of He who blessed the little ones...

Yes, dear children, there is a lot which arises out of this subject, and tonight I will just touch upon the little ones who are everywhere in your midst today...

You see, dear children, that it was the Father's intention that not only should the children in the Spirit impart to the older ones something of the things of God, but that those same older ones on earth should learn from the examples in their midst, a little of the beauty of purity and simple faith.

A child's life is a great responsibility. Some of you, I know, have exaggerated that responsibility, until it has grown into an apprehension of ever taking on the responsibility yourselves, but that is not right. Yet, dear children, I admit that it is true that many parents regard their little ones as requiring from them far less thought than a business transaction; indeed, in the planning and construction of a house in which to live, a hundred-fold more thought and care is bestowed than in contemplating that little house of flesh in which something of God is stored...

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We will try and get this matter a little clearer. So many theories there have been, and are, in regard to the upbringing of children, and as the centuries go on you see the swing of the pendulum. One generation, perhaps, shows signs of harshness to those so entrusted to their care; then the next generation goes to the other extreme, and the result is rather damaging to God's plans for lifting the children of the earth above their environment.

Now, dear children, the reason why these mistakes are made - and you see them constantly on either side in rather a bewildering way - the reason is that comparatively few parents reward their little ones in the way God intends.

First of all get back to the purpose of physical life. You know the spirit within each one is of God - a part of Him - which has started off on its long journey in order to make purity and holiness its own. You know that the spirit chooses certain conditions in order to bring out those higher qualities, or to eradicate those characteristics which hold them back; and the homes in which the little ones arrive are chosen entirely as a background for the working in - and the working out - of the experiences which that which is Divine within the body intends to undergo.

So you see, dear children, that after all, when a mother or a father is particularly proud of the appearance, or the cleverness of the little one they have brought into the world, it is taking upon themselves rather a lot. They are, as it were, appropriating that which belongs to another. It also shows you the fallacy of comparing one child adversely, or favourably, with another.

You have been taught by me that many of those who come into the physical world ill-equipped bodily - yes, and sometimes mentally as well - that these are the strong souls, these are the ones who were fired to do as much as they could in the shortest time possible...

You see where I am trying to lead you. Real parents, intelligent parents, in looking at the beauty, or the health, or the ability of their little ones, first tender thanks to God - and from that point realised - their responsibility begins...

The gifts are there: Will they be detrimental to the progress of the spirit within, or will they add a little to its store? And this explains why it

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is that some mothers - especially mothers - have such a wonderful love for the child who is deformed, for the little one who comes into a rather sorrowful world even more restricted by the physical than the majority. The mother's heart, her spiritual instinct - although she may not know it - but that spiritual instinct within tells her that the little maimed form in her arms represents a strong spirit indeed, one who is allied to God, one who, out of love for Him, throws aside all those attractive possessions of the body and intends to fight through without them...

Again I say, you see where I am leading you. Get these things into their proper place in your mind and think them out for yourself.

The gift of a child is a responsibility indeed, but not in the way in which men and women on earth regard it.

The child mind - the tiny physical mind which is so gradually unfolded - to what does it unfold itself? Is it to holiness and truth, or is it to the soiled aspects of a material world?

Don't you see that during those early stages much can be done? The undeveloped physical mind, gathering in the vaguest way, impressions - mostly through the eye or through the touch - that tiny mind is like a clear garden. And what are the seeds that you are to sow therein?

Yes, I know all about those discussions which come under the heading of 'Heredity', and I intend to deal with that subject as opportunity occurs; but I say that the influences, that the vibrations of thought focussed around the unfolding baby-mind are of such transcending importance that no words can be found to express it.

And remember this: That when both stand free in the Spirit - the father and the daughter, the mother and the son; not in those terms of relationship, but as spirit and spirit - then those who had the training of the younger physical life will, in many cases, recoil with horror to find how they were used by the evil to harass and hinder and retard those in their care...

You see again, dear children, where I am leading your thoughts. No one in your world, nor in those many planes beyond are free from this responsibility. Whether a child was committed to their charge during the physical stages, it matters not. Here or in the Beyond, each spirit has to go through the same experience, the same training, in regard to helping the

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younger ones to grow into maturity... And I say there is no anguish compared to this: When a mother or a father sees the effect of their thoughts, their interests, their lives - upon the tiny mind opening to the world in which it has chosen to learn its lessons.

When you look at it in this way, harshness towards a child, or that deceptive 'spoiling' - each falls into its place - or, rather, both are submerged by the truth, the truth as to the real position between parent and child.

I want you, as much as you can, to put others on their guard; to try and induce them to regard their little ones in this way: As souls which, unconsciously to their physical minds, are struggling and striving to make the Divine within their own possession. To point out to the older ones that this earth's experience is even as a training school. You know how it is in school life: That if you do your best to learn your lessons quickly - why, not only is life easier and you escape many punishments for evasion, but also, by application, you pass on from stage to stage, eventually emerging into that freedom when school days are no more, and, perhaps, you begin to teach others in your turn.

That is how physical life should be regarded by the parents, by those who have been entrusted with the privilege of helping another soul on its upward climb. Therefore, my dear children, you will see at once, that by influencing the little one towards the gifts of the Spirit - and it can be done from the earliest stages, by ever and again showing to the little flower-mind how much beauty there is in the Father-Mind, and by instilling in it a love for growing things, using nature as an illustration - imperceptible though it may be to you, yet you are providing for the opening out of that physical mind the environment which is the highest and the best.

Yes, when you come here, you will see how malleable is the mind of a little child. I do not say its 'will' because - well, the majority have come up rather abruptly against the baby-will, and they consider it a question that has yet to be solved. But don't you see that in influencing the thoughts, unconsciously to the little one, you are bending the will God-wards, drawing it from the attraction of the earth side and physical things; and, later on, that will, strong as it may be - well, then it is strong for good, and that is what it was given for.

In regard to the subject of the children's part in the Great Plan of Creation, you will find, all of you, that the importance given to the young

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is, on the one hand, exaggerated, and in an unwise way as well. Yet, on the other hand, God's side is, for the most part, overlooked. It hasn't been sought for, it hasn't even been thought about amongst the many other things of daily life.

To the mothers and the fathers who so love their little ones, I give a special word: I say that when they see things in God's way, they will find it hard to forgive themselves if - on looking back - they see they delighted only in the love and companionship of their children and did not give to God in return. And you know that the only way we can give to God is by helping others to get a little nearer to Him. It is the only thing that we can do for the Father; and if you would remind me of 'love', then I answer at once that, over here, love is translated into 'service', and so you have the thing complete.

Then, dear children, there is another subject which I should like to refer to tonight, and that is in regard to daring much for Christ.

I have in my mind, at this moment, the little story of Peter - Peter who left the safety of the boat and tried to reach his Master.

Well, dear children, the mind of man, to a certain extent, has misinterpreted that little incident. So often it is told as a warning against lack of faith, and you are reminded that Christ Himself said to Peter: 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'

Now, I have been commissioned to unveil, in the little time at my disposal - to unveil to you something of the love of God, something in regard to His attitude towards the children that He has created; therefore, my little ones, when this passage comes up I want you to interpret it thus:

As you know, there were others in the boat with Peter; but when Peter saw Our Lord walking on the waters, within his heart and mind - unconsciously to the lesser self - there arose that great spiritual ambition to go to Him; and, disregarding the physical conditions and the obvious danger which lay between him and his heart's desire, he threw himself out of the boat...

Now, dear children, think with me awhile. From the world's point of view, from the so-called practical point of view, Peter's act would have been considered not only foolhardy, but lacking in even the elementary principles of commonsense.

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Between the boat and The Master there were the waves and the dangers they represented; and yet Christ, standing there, seemed, by His love, to urge Peter to try... And so it is that, now and again, there are men and women in the world who rise above physical thinking, above all those thoughts of caution - those destructive thoughts of caution - and they defy that which is of the earth, and, from the strength which is within, gain, anyhow, sufficient courage to attempt the seemingly impossible.

Children, from an outside point of view this is a fairly adequate illustration of the position in regard to this Truth. You have the arguments of the logical mind: 'If you attempt to cross the waters of the river of death, then you are asking for trouble, and, probably, will meet with utter destruction'. Yet Christ, the Light of the World, stands on those 'dangerous' waters and, by His love, beckons you to His side...

And then, dear children, I come to this: I ask all those who read these records to try and interpret The Master's reply to Peter's effort in the way in which it was said and meant.

I take you back to the little child - the little child which the mother is trying to induce to walk alone. The little one, urged by the love and the desire in the mother's heart and voice, attempts what is soon proved to be impossible. And what does the mother do? After the first faltering steps, ere the child falls, the mother has clasped it in her arms, and she says, as a mother should: 'Oh! why were you afraid? Mother is here and she would not let you fall!'...

You see, dear children, what I am trying to impress upon your minds: That those words of Our Lord were never intended to imply reproach - they represented Love - exquisite, tender, understanding Love.

Think then of it in this way: Peter, with a courage greater than the others could find, Peter throws himself into the water; and then, being in a physical body, bound by the restrictions of physical thinking, he feels that he is on the point of sinking. But Christ catches him ere he goes down, and with an out-pouring of love for the one who tried to show his love for Him, He says: 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'...

It is the Mother-heart of God stretching out and gathering in the child who is not yet strong enough or experienced enough to walk alone.

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Yes, dear children, these thoughts of ours go very deep, not only in a physical way but in that far better way which belongs only and solely to the mind of the spirit. Think you of these things, and when there are those who would say to you, in regard to this work: 'Isn't it a dangerous undertaking?' - then answer them with faith: 'Christ is there to hold me lest I fall; and because He has passed through physical death and proclaimed that life is everlasting, so I too will do my best to meet Him where He bids me come.'

Never go back on the thought that Peter failed. Peter's 'failure' was a success that the others could not rise to. You see my point? Here and there, there are those who will attempt; and these, called by that which is Love itself, shall, in God's good time, see for themselves that even though they seemed to sink, yet ere the waters closed over them, the Master had them fast, and with gentle - yes, and playful tenderness - He says to them, to you and to Peter: 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'...

You see that you have got to look at things in God's way if you are to make any progress towards the Higher Life. You have got to readjust these statements in your sacred records, and to regard them by the Light which shines from His Love. Over and over again, what man has interpreted as censure was but as the loving assurance which a mother - a devoted mother - would give to her little child whom she is watching, guarding, tending and trying to teach the rudiments of physical life, so that the limbs, the mind, and the spirit, may grow as God intends...

The true mother reflects more nearly the Mind of God than anything else in the physical or spiritual worlds - the true, unselfish, far-seeing, spiritualised mother, spiritualised by her love - is very close to the ideal, that ideal which interprets to us something of the heart and mind of God...

And now, my children, I will leave you. There is one who would speak to you tonight; and then, as the evening is slipping by, I think we must draw this time of sweet Communion to a close - but that is as the Father wills...

(Another then spoke...)

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON...

(Founder of St. Dunstan's Home for soldiers
blinded during the First World War...)

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...Good evening to you all. I must ask your indulgence until I can get more control over the conditions...

I have been allowed to speak tonight about a subject which has often passed through your minds with real interest and understanding. I am referring to the blind, and I speak as one who knows by experience what it is to live through the daylight and yet not to know the day from the night...

It is Pearson - Arthur Pearson - and I hope you don't mind a stranger thrusting his way in, in this rather unceremonious manner. I mean that you have never asked for me, nor even thought of me in this connection, and so it is an enormous privilege to be here tonight.

The old newspaper days gave me a little link. It is extraordinary - or it would seem to you - how these physical ties have the power to exert their little pull of attraction, but it is so. Interests - common interests - make a bond of sympathy because each knows, to a certain extent, how the world is presented to them...

But I have come tonight to speak about the blind:

You know quite well what this work was to me. I think it was the biggest thing that happened in my life - except one. The biggest thing of all, the greatest gift - as I see it now - was when my own sight went.

Now this will sound a strange statement to you, because there are few who do not value the gift of sight almost above all others. But I'd like to talk it out and then you will understand.

My life was very much the same as the majority. Ambition had its place, and also that deceptive flare of personal popularity passed across the horizon of my life. I wonder - and yet I hardly dare to wonder - what would have been my position when that life was ended if I had gone on, gone on as I had begun.

You see, the sins of commission are not the only ones which make their mark in the Spirit. There are those sins of non-commission - those things which we might have done and we didn't... Yes, I think of the two, the things left undone are more destructive to our spiritual progress than those which we did and repented afterwards - whether out of expediency or through a sense of having outraged God's laws.

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You see that's where my gift came in - that gift of blindness, the closing in, the shutting out of the light of the world, so that the Light of the Spirit might have its chance, so that my attention might be distracted from myself and focussed on others, so that my spirit might be able to break free from some of its physical bonds - free to grow, free to get in touch with its God.

That's what blindness did for me...

I want you, if you can, to try and look at this catastrophe - as it seems to you - to try and look at it, to a certain extent, in this way: It is, I know so well, a terrible handicap from the physical standpoint; yet I can truthfully say that had I retained my sight, then not only would my spirit have been handicapped, but it would have been bound and fettered, and it would have taken untold suffering to free myself when I came here.

Therefore, you will see that even in this so-called disaster, God's love is shown; and because the plight of many of my dearly-loved boys - because their plight has roused in the hearts and minds of others the wish for service, so again do you see the working of the Divine plan.

There are gifts of 'sight' - gifts which lie waiting to be taken up - and if only there was someone with sufficient courage and authority to grasp this fact, the blind could understand that they need to be blind no more - that in the place of the flickering light of the earth-world, with its fragile blossoms and their brief, unduly shortened life, they would realise that it was possible to live in the sunshine of the Realms of the Spirit and to feast their eyes on the exquisite hues of the flowers of God, whose beauty never fades, which are so charged with life and vitality that all who look can gather strength and beauty from them - in time to be made their own...

Yes, it wants someone with courage, someone who, from the recesses of their deep compassion, can teach the blind to see - to see the things which are of God - when no more will they crave the sight of the things of earth; for the things of God satisfy every thought and aspiration of which we are capable... That sight, which, looking beyond the darkness of the physical world, can penetrate into the glories of the Realms of Love, and, in turn, can bring back something of their brightness to pass on to others...

I mustn't keep you longer tonight, but I hope you will let me come again. This brief message but outlines something of all I have been told to

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say; yet it does give you just a faint impression of how we regard things when we are free from the body and the limitations of the physical mind.

I will go now but I am coming again... I am working harder than I ever worked before for my boys, for those who have taken on the 'big burden' - working and praying and striving for them, so that when the opportunity comes, the Light of Truth may find a lodgement in their minds... Goodnight...

(Zodiac returned and continued...)

...My children, it may surprise you, but there is sufficient power here tonight to carry on this work for God for many hours to come. But I have thought for the morrow, and I want you all to meet tomorrow with happiness, with brightness, and with renewed faith in the mission you have undertaken. In order that this may be so, then the body must be considered - considered and given a little chance to do its part as well.

So, dear children, we close on a note of perfect understanding, perfect love, perfect unity. On each one of you rests a blessing - a blessing because you obeyed the Voice of the Spirit tonight, which bid you go on in spite of lack of time, and of obstructions on either side...

The Voice of the Spirit cries for ever: 'Go on!' Never mind what others say, never mind the criticism of the world - just go on, and remember that Christ is here to hold you lest you fall...

In His most complete care I leave you, and with His Love all round you I bid you Goodnight... Goodnight, and yet I am ever here. And when the morning comes, think of the Love of the Father yet again, who has given to me so much and who is anxious and longing to give you in equal measure. Remember that He has blessed us both in this sweet and perfect communion...

Dorrie, you have done well, my child. Have no fear for the future - all is brightness and peace and beauty...

That is all... Goodnight, my little ones...



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Father of Infinite Love, we ask Thee to lead us on tonight just another step towards the brightness which lies in front. We ask Thee to clear from the physical minds of Thy children all those thoughts which may hold them back. Grant that they may stand free from doubt, that they may be able to hold on to the staff of faith and, by its strength and support, not only to go forward but to cover the distance with increasing gladness.

O God, Thou understandest so well how to little children the path seems difficult; and yet, by Thy wonderful grace, by Thy enveloping Love even now they have caught a glimpse of the beauty which awaits them...

Then, O Father, we pray for those who are living in spiritual twilight, those who are going through dark days of suffering - that they may feel the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, directing, helping, giving them strength to rise above their conditions.

And for ourselves we ask that the power may be vouchsafed to us tonight, to demonstrate once again that the Holy Spirit, in command, can recharge each one, can control their thoughts and their actions, so that indeed the physical is powerless to intervene. Grant to us the conviction that where Thou art - where Thy Love is called upon, so that which is of the world gives place to that which is of the Spirit... Amen...

...Good evening, my children. First of all, I want to say a word to my little secretary, who rather anticipates that tonight is going to present obstructions which will not be easy to overcome. I want to reassure her that she is companioned on either side; and the Father does not ask from

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any child - whether they be old or young, in a physical sense - the Father does not ask from any child more than they can accomplish. Let her then give up thoughts of strain and rest her spirit in all the power which is around.

My children, tonight it seems to me that there is a promise of spring in the air. Yes! I know it happens very often that these 'promises' are only half worked out, yet, even so, that sense of new life, of brighter, warmer days to come - with their accompanying flowers and sunshine - does hearten all of you, who, more or less, are very much affected by conditions.

And I want you to realise, if you can, that as with the promise of spring - of new life, new hope, wider joys in every sense - so the promises made in regard to your physical lives not only stand firm but ever are nearing that time when you will see that the fulfilment is being worked out...

My little ones, I find this evening that in your minds there is an element of peace. The peace to which I refer is that restfulness when the physical mind can say to the Spirit: 'I hand over the future to you!' Of course, dear children, the physical mind, being very much like a little boy, does not give up the reins of government for long. Yet, as all mothers know, even that brief space of time when their little son can say to them: 'You do it!' is a relief, and the remembrance brings a sense of comfort when the position is reversed...

I just give these few opening remarks so that you may know how we watch for any little signs of acquiescence to those marvellous spiritual laws which are operating - if the world could but grasp it - operating entirely in favour of the children of the earth.

Some of you have noticed that there are times when it is possible to get into vibrations which are as harmonious as the earth can offer. And then it seems that everything goes so wonderfully well; and those who wish to love God - well, they feel they are at last in harmony with Him and His purpose, and they rejoice to think that the shadows have been so far overcome.

My children, I can understand so well how it pains you when, all unconsciously, you step a little to the left or to the right and find yourselves outside the direct rays of the sunshine of God's Love; and tonight I want you to try and make a big effort to keep this promise to

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yourselves: that when you feel those sympathetic vibrations are getting a little knotted up, to pray - yes, to pray earnestly - even though the physical mind may be unwilling to do its part.

These times are tests, and they are severe ones when the pilgrim is strong enough to stand them. Yet, dear children, the enemy could be despatched in the easiest, simplest way imaginable, if only you would remember that Christ is waiting - waiting for you to appeal to Him direct.

You see, dear children, it is not that the Tender Saviour waits in the sense that no help is forthcoming until you ask. The help is there in an unlimited way, but free-will cannot be gainsayed. It is just as though you were offered that best gift of all - best from a physical standpoint - the gift of water, precious indeed to the parched or to the one who is stricken by disease; yet, dear children, as you know, it is most difficult to force that liquid through the lips when those same lips are closed, and the teeth behind.

It is exactly the same with the gift of God's unlimited peace - you must do your part as well. And I entreat you, with all the force of my love for you - I entreat you to appeal to Christ more and more in your daily life, during the trying moments, during those periods of 'tests' - tests to see whether you are ready for use, whether the Father can count upon you what'er betide...

You see, dear children, privileges bring always their responsibilities. They bring their joys and powers as well, but it is impossible for anyone to have great possessions without at once incurring deep responsibilities, not only in regard to others but also in regard to themselves.

Yet, tonight, I would not have you think that I am scolding anyone. My children make mistakes it is true, but never willingly, never without regret; and so these few words are rather in the nature of an assurance that those times of strain and chill - spiritual chill - can be lessened until they disappear never to return again. God wishes the children of the Light not only to demonstrate a little of that Light to others, but also to be centred in that perfect joy, that exquisite harmony which is their right by service. Yes, their own in every sense there could be, and soon - thank God! - soon they will have learned enough to be able to grasp and hold that which the Father has given...

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Now, my children, I want to talk to you a little about: 'Work' - or perhaps I should say about: 'The Toilers' - those who, whether they will or not, have to work the long day through, and sometimes give even of the hours of sleep as well...

As you know, conditions are very much better today than they were a generation ago in regard to the rank and file, and I am quite prepared to admit that very large sections work only as much, or hardly as much, as their physical strength allows. Yet, dear children, we - looking at things with the eyes of the spirit, going through not only the details of many lives but also the hearts and minds of countless numbers - we see that there are many, yes, far too many from Love's point of view, who are working - as I said - throughout the long day, with very little rest at night.

In the first place, dear children, I want you to try and realise that in regard to such as these - who are hard-pressed by physical conditions - that those in the Spirit never cease in their efforts to help; indeed were it not for the tremendous power built up around such toilers, it would be a physical impossibility for them to get through the tasks they have in hand; moreover, the body itself would refuse to act under the command of the will...

Some of you have experienced the kind of help to which I refer. You know quite well that in physical tasks - by which I mean those which make a demand upon the muscles and the strength of the body - that in regard to these tasks our power is enormous; and if you, and others, could remember to call upon that power more consistently than you do, you would have a revelation of its unlimited strength and durability.

You see, my children, it is not selfishness to ask the aid of those in the Spirit when you are hard-pressed by conditions which are beyond your control; it is not selfishness in any sense of the word; in fact, it is conferring upon us a privilege - a privilege which, in a way impossible to explain to you at this stage, has a far-reaching effect, not only on the ones concerned but on many others.

Tonight I want to speak to you a little about those same toilers - unnoticed, for the most part - who indeed are working into the pattern of their lives something which will stand for all time. And, children, there are many such as these in the world today; many in your own city, in your own country, and many more in those countries which you regard as separated from you by customs and conditions.

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My children, the Father never expects His children to undertake these great tasks - in the sense of using that word 'expects' as an injunction. No, you will find as you go on and expand the borders of your thoughts, that - so far as God is concerned - it is He who gives and gives and gives, expecting nothing in return except that His children might love Him, and seek to get free from that which comes in between them and their love for Him.

Yet, as you know, there are certain strong souls who, in taking on the physical experience, were rather drastic over the programme they laid down for themselves; and so, dear children, I would ask you, more and more, to try and look at the hardships in the lives of others solely as a mark of spiritual progress - of the ambition and the determination of that which is Divine within.

You will find in the world today that there are large sections who do not wear out their bodies with work which has any relation either to service to their fellow-beings or to the Creator of mankind. It is more common, my children, for a man to over-work in order to gather something unto himself which he prizes, and that 'something' is generally of the earth. The body is a tool, the mind a weapon, and with these two confederates he sets out to conquer and obtain.

Then, of course, there are many who over-strain that same physical body in their pursuit of pleasure - of those transitory joys which seem so attractive until they have been tried; then once again, on these restless ones go, seeking to obtain something a little more satisfying and lasting.

These, dear children, work hard - both the ambitious and the pleasure-loving - and very often the body suffers considerably in the process; and, sad to relate, so much effort, so much planning and contriving and looking ahead, leaves no mark on the side of the spirit at all.

I want you to get this clear. Those who work for others, those who strain their mental powers and physical capacities in order to provide the necessities of life for their dependants, these - unconsciously though it may be to themselves - are dominated by the Divine which is within. But, as you know, with so many - ambition, power, self-advancement - these are the glittering baubles which they pursue ever more feverishly as the years go on.

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And then, dear children, I turn to a brighter aspect of this subject - to those who are anxious to do, as they would say, their 'little bit' before they pass Yonder. There are countless thousands who, in their free time, throw themselves into social work, trying in one way or another to serve; and these, whether they blunder in that service, whether they fail to do what the Voice directs, whether they leave but little mark behind - these indeed are the servants of God - useful servants, just in the same way as you regard your limbs as servants to your self.

I should like this to be known by those who have given up so much time and thought to these tributaries of service - I use that word because they work out of the great, broad river of service. They are just pulling their little boat up some side-stream, out of sight, forgotten, unmarked by the great majority who are doing the big things which will stand for all time.

Those who are working on a big scale have their reward both now and hereafter, and I am not belittling their magnificent results by drawing your attention to the efforts of those who are limited by reason of time and opportunity. But there are many who get rather tired of giving in this way; they feel they are working on a pattern which never grows. Yet I would remind you that the seeds strewn on the mind of the body shall make a showing in the mind of the spirit, hereafter - if the soil of that physical mind was not quite suitable for production.

Well, dear children, I have gone rather a long way round, perhaps, but I wanted to show you the broad aspect of work, and then to bring you back to those who have not even the satisfaction of feeling that they are contributing something toward that 'service' which God has entreated for His little ones on earth...

Yes, I have come back to the plain toilers in the home, and in those many cul-de-sacs of employment that exist in bulk and which the world, as a whole, so often forgets.

You have one in your mind (Mrs Beams). She is often in your minds as typical of those who toil and yet finds at the end of the day that there seems nothing on the gain side, certainly not in a material sense; those who work not only in their own homes but in other people's homes as well - work as you would say, 'to keep body and soul together' - and it seems

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hard, strangely hard, that more help is not forthcoming to lighten the burden.

Well, dear children, I brought in this sturdy soul in order to point a moral. You will remember that she has said - and she meant it: 'I'll never give in!' In those few words you have the quest which is ever before her spirit, and that will carry her through not only the physical stages but through many of those stages which lead ever from brightness into greater brightness, from peace into the peace which is of God.

I want you, in thinking of the one I have used as an illustration, to make it applicable to countless numbers whom you know not with your physical minds. There are multitudes of such toilers - patient, unknown and, for the most part, unthought about by their fellow-beings.

Let your prayers go out to those - not that their burden should be taken from them, but that the power of the Holy Spirit may be so built up around them that, even though the body faints, that which is Divine within shall rise triumphant again and again.

You see, dear children, there are many in the world who are working - unconsciously, may be - on a very big pattern. They work with the eyes bound, yet the instinct of the spirit guides them and leads them along the narrow, up-hill path. And when the body has finished its part, so will the bandage be removed, and then with joy they will see that not only was it well worth while but that all along God's Love, the power of the Spirit and His messengers - not only helped them but literally supported them as they climbed. Yet because they knew it not but went on in faith - or, sometimes, with determination only - but because they knew it not, they reap alone what they and others have together sown.

I want you to take a very wide view in regard to Work. You have been told by me, many times, that the physical body should have its share of attention, that it should be treated as something of great importance because of the Holiness stored therein. Yet, dear children, I should be misleading you if I did not say at the same time that those who work so hard, straining the resources of mind and body almost to the breaking-point, that such as these if they work for God directly - or indirectly, in the sense that their labours are for others - these, dear children, are building up strength and power and wonderful opportunities in the life which has no end.

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There is another point. You have been told before that those in the Spirit have very active lives; indeed you have suspected that this activity is on so large a plan that it escapes your comprehension altogether; and this is true.

When you come here, free from the restrictions of thought, of effort and of action, you will find that within you, you have a capacity for work enhanced beyond anything your imagination could conjure up. Yet, dear children, you can understand when I say that those who on earth had never trained themselves for service for God, cannot step into that knowledge. Moreover, in regard to the physically indolent - well, that habit, being cemented by years of practise - that habit is brought over with them when the work-reluctant mind has been left behind. You cannot alter yourselves by stepping out of the physical tabernacle. If a man or a woman preferred ease to work while upon earth, that will be their attitude of mind when they come here, and it will take many, many experiences to eradicate it.

You see what I am trying to bring out? That the capacity for work while on earth is building up for you something which will give you a joy and a power when you are in the Spirit - something which will represent to you, then, your heart's desire. The hard workers - those who toiled, ignoring the calls of the physical - these indeed shall work for God, and the pains and the weaknesses they endured in the flesh shall be as weapons before which evil will give again and again. That concentration, that spirit of never giving in, is wanted in a way you cannot understand until you come here. There is so much to do, there is such an enormous work before each one; and those who, as I said, have steadied their will for work while on earth, they indeed shall reap a glorious harvest when they work in the Gardens of the Lord.

Keep the point clear in your mind. God does not lay upon anyone those heavy burdens, but the spirit within, determined and valiant, says: 'I will!' - and because of that, the power of the Holy Spirit works with them and for them, from the beginning until the end... that 'end', dear children, which, as you know, is the beginning again of work so akin to joy, so expressive of the Love which is everywhere in the Realms of Light, that you cannot think of one without the other. You cannot think of God without thinking of Work in an unlimited sense, for while our little efforts go on, the Father works on the big plan - works and works and works...

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Well, dear children, I think I will leave you now, although there is so much more to be said regarding the inner aspects of Work, regarding the special gifts it develops, regarding also the power that it circulates both on the earth plane and in the Realms of the Spirit. It is as though the one concerned were pouring out power - power which, when it contacts with the power of the Spirit which is everywhere - in all the vibrations - is, as it were, transformed into part of the Great Power which dominates all the worlds, all that is and has been.

Remember this: That, unconsciously to yourselves, you are circulating power - power which is wanted urgently by those in the Spirit - to be used and re-used again and again...

On another occasion I will try and tell you a little more about the motive power of Work... And now I will go...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

Well, my children, we will draw this quiet time to a close because I do not want to strain my little secretary too much; but I have just a few words to say which I want you to carry in your memory during the week.

There are certain instincts in each one which are very indicative of the spiritual desires within. I am referring to those who have never lost their childish love of play - active play in the way of running and of climbing...

Well, of course, when bodies are not too strong it is just as well to keep these surviving desires under control. There are two to whom this applies particularly - I speak of Agnes and I speak of my own child. In these, perhaps more than in the majority, that love of play, of outdoor games, of running and of keeping the body supple has never lessened. Well, as I said, it is not wise to overstrain the physical, but I would like to say that these instincts have also their spiritual aspect.

I know, dear children, that at times the body feels too heavy for you, just in the same way as cumbersome clothing retards your speed, both in walking and in thinking. It is a restriction and a closing-in which frets the nerves. For those who feel like this in regard to the body, I have a special word of comfort. I tell them that although that physical body cannot be dispensed with - not just yet - yet it is even as this: During the winter-time, you put on heavier and warmer clothing, and although you are

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conscious of a certain weight and discomfort, yet if you discarded that warmer clothing the damage might be serious indeed.

It is exactly the same with the spirit. At times the physical garment seems almost more than you can carry, and yet, dear children, it is a protection, and without it - well, things wouldn't be just as God and you and I desired...

I want you to look at it in this way: You have been told that there are bodies terrestrial and bodies celestial (1 Cor. 15:40). When my children come Home, we want that next body to be of the celestial order; we want to leave anything which is not akin to the Spirit far behind. And so, dear children, I am sure you will understand that it is better to wait awhile - not to throw off that rather cumbersome garment of the flesh until the spirit within is ready with that celestial covering, which it has been working so hard to bring together in beauty and stability.

And then one last thought. It has been said in prophecy, in many different ways, that God's strength is focussed on those who are physically weak as well as on those who are spiritually immature. Here we get a little accompanying thought in regard to 'running'.

You have read in your sacred records that the children of the Lord shall run and not grow weary, and I take you on to this: That better than running is soaring, because although you may run fast, you cannot take more than a little incline; yet with wings - with those same strong eagle-wings - you can soar above the earth, above your lesser selves, above all that seeks to hold you back. On the strength of the Spirit you can soar into the Realms of the Infinite, where God's Love will be demonstrated in a way which will satisfy you for ever more...

Just the few connecting links: The wish to run, to be vigorous - which the passing of childhood has not killed; then the heavy garment of the body, and then the promise that those who love God shall never grow weary, leading on not only to the possibility but to the definite assurance that you shall soar as on eagle-wings - far from the earth and all it represents, into the bright Realms of the Spirit, into understanding of the Love which the Father has for His little children.

And now I go - leaving you in peace, leaving with you feelings of tenderness towards that which is Love Divine, tenderness towards those who come with so much joy to speak to you, and tenderness one towards

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another... sympathy and unity, because God's power and blessing has been over us all this evening... Goodnight, my little ones.



SPIRITUAL LAWS.

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Father of all Love, we Thy little children ask Thee tonight to reveal unto us a little more of Thy wondrous thought in regard to humanity. We ask Thee to instruct us how to proceed - how best to release the Spirit which is within. Teach us how to grow; teach us how to think of the things which, in Thy sight, are good; teach us how to express ourselves to others...

O most Understanding Mind, lead us on out of the twilight of comprehension, into the full sunshine of revelation. And as we climb, let it be our prayer, let it be our most earnest desire that we should bring others into the Light. Yes, grant that the consciousness may come that this gift, which Thou hast bestowed so freely, is but a trust - a trust to be used to help, to encourage, to enable those who are going through their physical experiences...

In Thy most perfect way, Thou wilt make all things plain; Thou wilt level the rough places, and clear the undergrowth which still remains in the minds of those who wish to love Thee. And we pray Thee tonight that we may be responsive, mentally and spiritually, to the guiding Voice, that most loving direction - the direction which Thou hast laid down for all to follow who wish to grow nearer to Thee in likeness, both in thought and in action...

Father, bless us all. Bind us still more closely to the things of the Spirit, and grant that the Silence, the Holy Silence, may gather us in. We ask it in Thy Name, knowing that Thou waitest, ever to bestow Thy good gifts... Amen...

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...Well, my children, tonight we have much to do together, and I want you all to give out as much strength and power as you can. You will see in the days to come that this evening typifies constructive work, and, therefore, in the measure that we can use it for God's most holy purpose so the blessing will rest on you, the little children who contributed to that which the Father had already provided.

This evening we are in tune in many ways. I would like some of you to go back on the events of this little day, and you will see that harmony and peace held and maintained their place. This was the preparation - the necessary preparation - so that your minds might be in suitable condition to listen to the Voice of the Spirit, to take in, in some measure, what God has directed me, and others, to impart.

Well, dear children, in the first place, I have a little to say in regard to those: 'Spiritual Laws' to which I and your loved ones have referred in a general sense. I cannot tell you much tonight because you are scarcely experienced enough, but unless I put in the first few bricks then you will have nothing on which to support the bigger and more beautiful construction, which is only waiting your readiness to be your own.

In the first place, dear children, as you have suspected, these laws - which are intangible and indescribable, for the most part - these spiritual laws have an importance which cannot be over-estimated.

As a crude illustration of their working I would refer you to what is called the 'wireless.' Yes, to the physical mind the wireless is inexplicable, except by results. You see my point? Certain rules are followed, certain equipment is used and 'result' is obtained; but no one can tell you why, or how such simple mechanism can produce such gigantic results. The thing itself eludes entirely the physical mind of the most highly-trained.

This is indicative, to a degree, of those same spiritual laws which govern your life and mine, your world and all the bright and glorious Realms in which holiness and happiness reign.

My children, I want you to consider this: That if you send a thought to another - whether they be on the earth, or whether they have laid the physical covering aside - that thought, unimpeded, reaches their spirit with a rapidity impossible to put into words.

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Again: you have been told that in regard to prayer, the listening God hears not only as the words arise, but even as the thought is being gathered together in the mind.

There are many such illustrations of spiritual laws - of those multitude of spiritual laws which are worked out in rather a beautiful way in the flowers, in the growing things, in the power which nature shows on every side.

You must remember that when God created - and I am speaking of creation long before this little world of yours was concerned - that when God's thoughts were manifested in form - even before that time these marvellous detailed spiritual laws had been set into being. They were the first thoughts, they were the preparation for the Life - life unlimited and unending - the Life which was to follow.

It is a little difficult to make this clear. You are bound by finite thinking; you are bound by that indication of time which is connected with the inhabitation of your little earth, and it is difficult to take you outside its borders in imagination.

Yet, dear children, I want you to do your best and I want you to consider, among other things, the body with which you have equipped yourself. The power of the limbs, the wonderful mechanism, in a physical sense, of the blood and nerves, bone and muscle; and the harmony - yes, in spite of conditions of civilisation - the extraordinary harmony between all the organs, and how they, sometimes against enormous odds, work out on to the side of health and strength and beauty.

You see, dear children, I have always given the body its rightful place; yet I have never allowed it to over-step that position and to approach upon the domain of the spirit within.

In illustration of this I want you to consider the relative importance of the strength of the body and the power of the spirit, which it seems to guard even as a prisoner whose freedom has been forfeited.

In the hands there is much power, much that causes amazement when looked at from the physical point of view. You had it described that the most marvellous piece of machinery, the greatest invention of man, is as nothing compared to the perfect mechanism of the hand and what it can do.

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Yet, dear children, I should be misleading you if I did not take you on from the thought of the powers of the body to those greater, stronger, far more wonderful powers of the spirit. In comparison again - only enlarged to an extent you cannot understand - is the difference between the power of the physical hand and the power which lies in that hand when the body has been cast aside...

And this brings in again another spiritual law which has far-reaching results. You will remember that there have been some who have passed through your lives who have possessed what you regard as marvellous healing power in the physical fingers and the electricity they are able to throw out.

Well, dear children, this lies within the reach of all. Many there are - and again I think of the mothers - many there are who have soothing, who have peace and healing in their touch.

Christ, of course, illustrated the power of healing in its highest form; but I have told you before that being sons and daughters of the Most High you are asked - you are entreated by that which is Love itself to develop those same powers - the powers which Christ showed for all time could be transmitted through the physical covering if the heart and mind were pure. Yes, that is the key, that is the solution of the power: Purity of heart and mind and the wish to serve.

I want to instil into your minds, if I can, that within, entombed in some, imprisoned in many, fettered in varying degrees in others - there is power, there is that marvellous controlling force - a gift direct from God, which is your own possession, to be used when you are ready to be true to your trust.

You see, dear children, where I am trying to lead you in thought. The physical, to you, presents enormous barriers; the body is like a high and impenetrable wall which lies between you and the garden of your desire - which is to be able to do and to think through the spirit, in its sweet and precious liberty of action.

Yet, dear children, I want you to try and grasp that the body can be triumphed over, that although it may blunt those finer perceptions and feelings - the most sensitive side - yet in spite of this, in spite of that sense of restriction, if you have the courage, the faith, and the patience, you can

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bring out those hidden powers of the spirit for use among those with whom you come into contact...

Children, I know quite well that the outward demonstration of these gifts - in the way of impressing others - presents no temptation to you at all. But over and over again, comes that deep longing to help, to lift up, to be able, really, to do something that is concrete - something which, in your own sight, will show you that you are getting a little nearer to the things which are of God.

I take you back to the illustration of the 'wireless'. You may say that, in searching through your mind, you find nothing there to warrant the assumption that you possess this power. But although you cannot explain from whence it comes or how it is able to act, yet I can promise you that if only you will set your mind to the vibrations of holiness and of love, you shall find, in a way you cannot grasp now, that the gift is there, that you can be used even as a channel to pour out power direct from the spirit, that you can - by simple thinking, simple living, keeping as close as possible to the injunction of Love Divine - you can, even as Christ said 'follow' Him, not only through the dark valley of sorrow but up on to the heights, where He is able, through you, to send down a visible manifestation of that power of healing which is of the Spirit...

Children, there is so much to be said in regard to those laws which God instituted for the benefit of His children; but tonight I want to turn your attention to another aspect - which is in regard to the strangers who have gathered here, and, in speaking, have brought in the names of many more who had not before passed through your physical minds.

Yes, you have queried not only the reason but sometimes the advisability of such strangers demonstrating their presence in this way. It has seemed to you, perhaps, the introduction of names well known on earth, savours a little of that deference to fame and popularity which is so common a characteristic amongst the majority.

Well, dear children, I can understand these thoughts; I can understand that what you would shrink from doing in your daily life, naturally rouses a little doubt in regard to those uninvited guests at these evenings.

Yet, dear children, when you come here, it will all seem so plain and clear. It is the operation again of a spiritual law, which, ignoring entirely

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the physical aspect of things, links up whom it will - links up those who are likely to be of use in the work which God has entrusted to those who will undertake it.

I want you to clear out of your mind such thoughts because they hamper those who wish to speak. You have been told that in the Spirit, distinctions or differences of any kind - all those many man-created barriers - that those cease to exist. The one thing which separates is spiritual aspiration, and that divides only to the extent of the depth of the sleep of the spirit within.

I put it that way, dear children, because I want you to realise that those who wish to rise - wish to work out the past - have every help it is possible to conceive; and the nearer we get to the Father so we see, so we understand, and so we long to succour.

By that same spiritual law - by that wish to climb, by that wish to know the Truth - your lives are weaved and interweaved again with many who are quite outside your range of thought.

So, dear children, attune your thinking to this view, which is the view I am instructed to impress upon you: That common aim, that unity of purpose, that desire to serve, bridges all gaps. And, more than this, there are those drawn into these vibrations, who, as yet, have been able to make but little progress, but, even so, are striving to work out the past...

So you see you get both sides of the picture; and it will comfort you to remember that not only are you linked to those who have done better than you have been able to do but also, by the same spiritual law - so entirely of love - you are bound by sympathy, by the wish to help, to those who are finding the struggle back into purity, into health of soul, a difficult problem indeed.

On another occasion I will try and show you how you, and nature in all its forms, are, as it were, interlocked with the celestial beings who have been working for God since away back in that dim and distant past which you find it impossible to think about. I should like to explain that as all that has been, and is, is of the Father - so you and the messengers of Light, you and those disciples who were used to reveal Truth to the world, you and Divinity Itself - are linked, are interlocked, in a way impossible to be broken or severed...

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Yes, dear children, it is a little complicated just now, but as we go on so, fragment by fragment, you will get a little nearer to a conception of things as they are.

It all comes down to this - so simple and yet, in some cases, so difficult to put into practice: That by thinking of Christ, by holding on to the thought of His companionship - you are setting into operation, in the most perfect way imaginable, not only the working but the life-giving power of those spiritual laws, which, at this time, seem obscure indeed.

Everything created by the Perfect Mind is simplicity itself; and Christ, during His sojourn on earth, showed, in an indisputable way, how it was possible to make the communion between man and God complete - perfect in every sense there could be.

And if you would remind me that, even so, it led Him to the Cross, then, my children, I would say at once that only through the death of the body can the glorious resurrection - that resurrection which is of so stupendous a nature - come to you or to any of the children of the earth, those children who at one time or another will realise the quest of the spirit within...

And now, my children, I will leave you for a little while. Remember that this is an evening of work in a spiritual sense, and, by sympathy and love, help those who wish to speak to you - those who wish to contribute something towards this gigantic test of revealing Truth to a half-listening world - the Truth which one day will have to be faced by all, faced and made their own possession, in order that the spirit may come into its own...

(Others then spoke...)

AUSTIN MELFORD...
(Stage actor)

...It is Melford - Austin Melford - and I'm happier to be here than words can express.

In the first place, I want to speak to you in regard to my life on earth and my experiences of life, of human nature, and, of course, of the stage.

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It would seem strange to certain minds that an actor should be allowed to come back like this, that he should be considered fit to work for God. Oh, I know that in the past we were considered a sorry lot - it was another name for rogue; certainly respectability and 'the profession' walked wide apart.

But you know, Mrs Moyes, that no one is as black as they are painted: And I'd like to say tonight, that, so far as I was concerned - well, I found them all a very decent crowd. You see, the outsider doesn't know everything, and so they fill in the blanks in a way which suits them best, and there's not much left of us in consequence.

But what I've come to say this evening is this: That whether the world likes to believe it or not, the individual will find when he goes Yonder that, taking them as a whole, those who presented certain aspects of life to others - the players, the pretenders, the impersonators - that these have not done so badly as might be expected.

You see, there is one point which is often forgotten, and that is that those who spend their lives on the boards - seeking to please, adapting themselves to many different conditions - they are very teachable, extraordinarily teachable. And when that shadow-life is laid aside, then to be teachable counts in a way I can't explain...

Those who are held back, those who can't get on, are the rigid - the ones who thought that their way and their way only was right - those who sat in judgment upon others. These are hedged in by their prejudices, by their uncharitableness - by all that narrow, bitter, blackening condemnation. And because, when they were on earth, they thought they were the only ones who were right, so when they pass out they can't learn - they've never learnt!

It gives me more gladness than words can say to put in a plea for the girls and the boys of the stage - for the puppets, for the entertainers of the idle minds of others. And, Mrs Moyes, I'd like to make this clear: That those girls and boys, taking them as a whole, have got hearts of gold.

Yes, I am not denying that in many ways they fail the best that's in them; but if you could see - as I saw then and as I've seen so terribly clearly since - if you could see the temptations, the struggles, the awful poverty with which so many are faced, you would not only understand but

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you would see that - in God's sight - they are not so guilty as the world judges them so freely.

In my time, as you know, it was the solid melodrama which held its own, and I'd like to say a word about this. I want you to know that God doesn't disdain to use the theatre for His work; I'd like you to know that even though the men and women who portray the parts may have failed to do their own part, yet God does not disdain to use them to get through a little of the beauty of goodness, a little of the happiness which courage makes its own.

Today, my name goes on (son - writer, director), and because the one who bears it is my own, I will not say more than this: That it were well - that I wish it with all my heart - that the good old melodrama still held its own. You see, even though we blundered ourselves, yet we were used - in the way I explained - to get into the immature mind right-thinking, right-living. And in the measure that we helped others, so is the gain to us now.

You see why I regret the change in public taste? It worked both ways: In the measure that we drag another down, so also that damage is entered up to us...

Yet there is much to be thankful for, and you have noticed, as well as others, that while in some respects the stage has failed in the teaching of the people, so, to a certain extent - and it is growing - the crowded picture houses are used instead.

Mrs Moyes, God doesn't disdain the film either. Of course, you've got that trash - unfortunately, the vast majority still cling to the trash - but you have seen also that that which is good, that which is holy, that which shows nobility in men and women, has its place.

And we of the old profession, who paced the boards and said our little say, well, now we've got work to do - it's laid out before us in a way which can't be put into words - that work of influence, and more than that, Mrs Moyes, the work of preparing those who are on the stage today for what awaits them here. Yet in many cases I can say, and I thank God for it, that their hearts and minds are not so unprepared, as the world may think.

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Remember this: That above all things - even if your life has been of the highest - above all things, in righting the wrong, is to be teachable, is to be responsive, is to allow yourself to be guided into the way of truth...

LILY BENNETT...

...I'm afraid you will be rather disappointed at my coming; but they told me it would be all right... It is Lily Bennett, and my coming is so different from the last one, who, of course, was a friend, and such a splendid character as well.

And yet, Mrs Moyes and Dorrie, I'm sure you'll think of me sympathetically when I have spoken, and I think you will understand why they sent me tonight.

Mrs Moyes, those old days - those happy days, when I thought that life was just a toy, just something to be made the most of - those old days have taught me a lot, which only coming here could make plain.

Will you tell Eva that I send her my love and all sorts of remembrances; and tell her too that I'm changed - yes, I know I'm changed, because of all the wonderful things I've seen and heard.

You see, Dorrie, when some of us are on earth, we are like little kittens - we just want to gambol in the sun and never to grow up - in the sense of responsibility - at all. I know I was like that. I know too that I didn't use the gifts I had - I am not saying that they were many - but I didn't use those gifts as I was intended to.

You know, Mrs Moyes, I had no sense of responsibility in regard to womanhood. I put it that way because you can't act unwisely without hurting - in addition to yourself - other girls as well. You know how it was! We were such a jolly party, and I thought - I say it frankly - I thought that the boys and the men were there just to amuse me... I mean I thought it was a natural thing that the boys and the girls and the men and the women should use each other to get as much fun out of life as possible.

But I am allowed to say, Mrs Moyes, that although I did act rather unwisely at times, there was no evil in my mind. I know you'll believe that, Mrs Moyes. I didn't want to do wrong, I only wanted to have a lark; and to flirt - well, it seemed the only thing I was expected to do, or I expected others to do.

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And then, after playing and never giving real life a second thought, Mrs Moyes, love came to me in rather a terrible way. And because I found it rather hard to get over it - it was so unexpected - I felt like a child who had got into an unknown country; and when that came, it hurt so much that I tried to play all the harder to forget...

I'm sorry to have to go into all this, but you'll see why later on. They told me not to trouble about saying it nicely but just to tell it as the thoughts came into my mind.

Well, of course, I never got over that in the way of forgetting; but I married and went abroad, far from home, far from all those associations - the dear old Church, the dear old Mission Room, and the dear old green beside it. I was alone in so many ways. I am not complaining: I had not much to give and I had no right to expect very much in return. But I would like to say this: That when my first baby was born, why, all the wounds and the memories healed up as if by magic. That was funny, wasn't it? And then, after a time, Mrs Moyes, I came here.

It seemed so strange to you; such a young, healthy girl, so full of life and vitality - you couldn't imagine me dead; and yet, oh, it was wonderful to come here and to find real love all round!

You see, Mrs Moyes, when we pass over, mercifully, those many mistakes are hidden from us. At first it was just joy and brightness; because I never was wicked - only careless and heedless and rather, yes, rather coarsened by my lack of understanding of the finer side of life... Oh, Eva won't understand this message, but I told her I was changed.

After a while, Mrs Moyes, I began to think, and as I thought, then the consciousness of the waste of opportunity slowly dawned upon me. You remember what was said about the girls influencing the boys - I saw that in a terrible way, and, as the realisation came, I thought my heart would break.

Oh, even now I could cry and cry and cry!... It seemed to me, then, that nothing would ever wash me clean. I turned from myself with loathing, because I saw that my attitude, my disregard of the sacred side of womanhood - in the sense of lowering the ideals of others - I saw that nothing could ever make that good in the minds of all the boys that I had played with in such an absolutely irresponsible way...

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Mrs Moyes, I want you to understand I am not excusing myself - I couldn't. But I never realised the dignity of womanhood; although I meant no harm.

Well, I am afraid this is rather a long message. When I was so sad - and the sadness went deeper than words can express - do you know who came to me, who helped me, who changed the whole aspect of things? It was Dr. Hughes, Winnie's 'dear Doctor Hughes'...

Oh, I know you'll love this - and he tells me I can say what I like. He just came up to me and said: 'You're an old St. Mark's girl - I used to be at St. Mark's as well'. And then, seeing and understanding how miserable I was, he told me about his college days, and this is what he said - only I can't say it in the same beautiful way:

He said: When I was at College, I found I was up against a big problem. I loved God with all my heart and I intended to go into the Church. On the other hand, I had always found that women were very attractive to me - attractive in so definite a way that I realised I had got to come to grips with it and get it into its right place.

He said, Mrs Moyes, that he knew that in his ministry he would be brought very much into contact with women, and he realised that it wouldn't be God's will that he should fail in his duty to them. So, he said - but oh, he said it in such a lovely way - he said he started to study Christ's attitude towards women, and he used to pray constantly - never forgetting to pray - that he might be able to regard women in the Christ-way.

He said the more you read the Scriptures, the more you realise Christ's love and understanding of women, and how He never ruled them out of His life but, in many cases, sought them out and bound them to Him by the ties of the Spirit...

He said that after a bit of a tussle, he managed to work through to something of the Christ-way of regarding women. And you know he told you last week how he loved the girls and how they loved him in so perfectly natural a way...

Do you see, Mrs Moyes, why he told me this? He said to me: I know all about what you call 'the past' and I understand, and because you didn't

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understand then, Lily, you're going to work for God now in helping other girls to understand before they come here.

Wasn't it beautiful? You know, Mrs Moyes - I can't help crying when I think of it - if you could have listened to the way he tried to comfort me, and how he showed me that I could make good, and that God didn't mean me to be so unhappy over it...

And then I said to him: 'Do you think I shall ever see Christ?' - and he said to me: 'Don't you know that whenever anyone wants to see Christ, they can see Him at once?' And I just lifted up my head, and there, close beside us, was the most wonderful Spirit; and yet it seemed so human - just like Christ in every way, only much more like Him than we can imagine when we are on earth... You know what I mean. I knew at once it was Christ, only the vision - and yet it wasn't a vision - the Presence seemed to stop my heart for very joy...

Yes, the tears come; but they are different tears now, they are the cleansing tears which take away the pain, instead of being an expression of pain.

I thought it was so wonderfully simple - Dr. Hughes saying that when we want to see Christ we can always see Him at once. And he showed me how it applied to people on earth, and how those who knew had to try and teach those who didn't know it was a fact - that the reason they couldn't see Christ in their lives was because the desire wasn't there...

Oh, you can imagine how I long to help, how I long to be able to grow; and how such a one as he is able to help people like myself when they come here and see the past and its mistakes laid out before them.

Yes, as Dr. Hughes said: It is the girls that have got to be bound to the things of God - the girls who don't yet understand. And because I was one of them, I've been allowed to come tonight and to tell you all about it. There's heaps I could say, but I'm afraid I may have stayed too long already.

When you think of me, Mrs Moyes, don't think of me sad like this, but think of Lily, full of happiness - the right happiness now - and ever so happy in working out those foolish days, which might never have happened if only there had been someone to give a hint - to point out what I was doing. But there wasn't, Mrs Moyes, and it is the case with so many.

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Those who might help, are immersed in other things, and the others haven't got the gift; and so we muddle along, and when we come here, only tears and suffering can wipe out those influences of the past...

Good-bye Dorrie - thank you so much for taking it down. You little thought, in the old days, that Lily would come back like this. I know I couldn't claim you as 'friends', yet I'd like now to think that you are my friends, because I intend to try very hard indeed to grow bigger, to do better - and it will be awfully nice to think that you count me in with all the others.

Goodbye, and thank you so much...

DR. DAYMON...

...It's Daymon - Dr. Daymon - and I've come tonight to tell you what I promised - a little about the work which doctors do on this side.

First of all, I'll just say that I hope my old friend (Mrs Shepherd) won't think, because there's no direct message for her, that there is any lessening of the ties between us. My brother and my sister are here tonight and we all send her our love. But, as the others said, there is work to be done and she - who always put God and duty first - she will understand...

Well, my dear young people, I've got rather a strange message to give tonight; but you've got to understand a little of the gigantic task before each one when they have laid aside their little jobs of physical daily life.

Mrs Moyes, I said that to the young ones, because what I am going to speak about may sound to you a little - well, rather strong meat for those who have not yet reached the age of maturity and experience.

Well here goes:

My work, Mrs Moyes, is among that class which the world calls, in its contemptuous way, the 'bad women'. And I'd like you to think about this when those poor creatures - God's creatures - leave behind that body which has been so terribly maltreated.

When they come here, it is difficult work indeed; but you can understand that as they came to us in their dire need upon earth, so,

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instinctively, they turn to the doctors when they pass out of that horrible existence which they called 'life'.

And our work is of a two-fold character. You have been told that the diseases of the soul-body are infinitely worse than the most terrible diseases of the physical body. And we've got not only to heal up that soul-body, but what is more difficult still, we have got to do this - it's like the most awful operation you can imagine - we've got to release the spirit from all that terrible accumulation of thoughts, of influences, and of horrors, which their experiences on earth have gathered to them...

But listen to me. This is the point of view which we get when we are allowed to work for God: Each one of these is a child of His... and mark you this: That when the purest, the 'sinless' come here, before they can get into touch with Christ, they have got to be able to say and to feel: 'This is my sister!' And that's what the world today - as well as yesterday - forgets.

Oh, I know I can talk to you here. Thank God, you've thrown aside - if you ever had it at all - that devilish condemnation which some of the untempted ones bestow upon these weaker vessels...

I'd like to tell you something else as well: I take your mind back over the years when this girl (medium) was living in the heart of London. Do you remember the incident of the girls on Christmas Eve; and the women of the streets, withered and hideous with disease, stopping those young girls and telling them to be 'quick home'?

A little trivial incident; but that woman (See 'Missionaries', 'A Sinner', Good Friday, 2nd April, 1926) is here tonight. Mrs Moyes, that woman, sin-stained though she might be, showed the mother-heart over those your girls out in the London streets late at night.

Do you see that there is no one who can say: 'There is nothing of God in such as these'?... The Christmas bells were ringing; they rang not for her, yet the memory of the Christ-Child had crept back into her mind and had quickened the mother's heart...

But when she came here, she found that once more the Christmas bells were ringing, and this time they rang for her as well...

I want to teach you, I want to show you and others, that, in God's sight, these poor, broken, miserable - yes, and sometimes physically

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repulsive girls and women - are the same of which it was said: 'And the Good Shepherd sought for the sheep which was lost, and sought until it was found.' That's what I want to get home. That is the Christ way, and that's the way we've got to learn when we come here... So if we are to be used by Him, then we too have got to seek - to seek for the spirit, which is behind locked and entrenched doors, perhaps - but we've got to seek and work and pray until the Voice within answers...

(When all had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, the evening seems to have flown, but, as I intimated in the beginning, much good work has been done. And if to some it seems a little strange that on the eve of Easter - with all its joy and promise - if it seems a little strange that the messages given tonight should have been selected, then I would remind you that in each one - however far they may have wandered away from Love - in each one must that resurrection come, when the things of the earth and all they represent will be left behind, and the soul, born into understanding, shall show itself of the Spirit indeed.

I want you, dear children, to think of this aspect of the resurrection. Because it is God's will that in thinking of Him, you should not allow your thoughts to rest there, but should send them on His mission upon earth - to the whole purpose of His coming, His physical death and the rising again - the purpose of releasing man from sin, of showing him, by example, how new life, new possibilities, new freedom lies before each one.

I want you, dear children - and, of course, I refer to all who read these records - I want you to get more and more into the way of thinking with the Spirit, untrammelled by the physical mind. For once the Spirit commences to act, then your sympathies widen and widen, and over humanity as a whole your love is spread, gathering in each individual, whatever the conditions, whatever their life may be, because of the realisation that you and they are each children of the same Father, bound for the same Bright Land. And if some loiter by the way, then it is your part to call them on, to encourage them, and to point out the glories which lie in front.

My children, there is much to do - you see it on all sides - much to do. And I want you to prepare your minds more and more, so that they may represent truly a garden in which flowers of all descriptions can bloom, without crowding out each other.

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And in connection with this I would emphasise one point: That in the cultivation of the lily in your mind, you should not forget the varied colours, the beauty and the fragrance of the rose. Yes, the rose. And if some of you, with sadness, should think that even in regard to the lily you have not been able to produce more than the root, then, dear children, I tell you - with so much happiness - that the spotless purity of the lily shall be found your own when you are free.

I know that purity of heart and mind seems, of all things - to you - that which is farthest off. But when next time you sing that old familiar hymn: 'Blest are the pure in heart', then recollect that Zodiac, instructed by his Master, has told you that when the body is laid aside, you shall see that the lily opened its petals and shed its fragrance even during those times when it seemed so far beyond your reach...

Blessed indeed are the pure in heart, but let not the sadness come because the ideal this represents seems even as the stars above. Remember, that in God's sight - those who strive, those who wish to do better - are even as they who, in robes of spotless purity, minister unto others.

Yes, dear children, in the garden of the mind many flowers must bloom if you are to understand the meaning and purpose of life here and hereafter. And so I remind you to save a place for the rose, and to be certain that in doing so you are following God's will, that you are working out His most holy purpose - the purpose which concerns your lives, and which, in its turn, belongs to the great plan for the raising up into glory and power the little children of the earth - when they can understand the gift which is being offered to them by that which is Love Divine...

And now I leave you. You have helped us much tonight; you have done your part, and in saying this it is the highest praise I can give... it should bring comfort indeed to feel that in this holy communion you have done your part...

God's peace is here - it has been shown in many ways tonight - that peace which is a direct manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit, which God has gifted to His children in unlimited measure... Goodnight, my little ones.



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O Christ, lift us up. Grant that we may in some measure contact with the things which are of Thee; grant that the physical minds of Thy little children may release that which is of the spirit within and, through the spirit, they may come into touch with the Holy Spirit, which is everywhere in their lives as well as in Thy Bright Realms.

Father, grant that indeed we may emerge from the material shell in which some of us are imprisoned; grant that we may realise that it is in the power of each one to be free, and grant that the knowledge may come how to grasp this perfect liberty which lies before us all.

O God, Thou knowest that to Thy children who are free and sheltered under the Light of Thy wonderful Love - Thou knowest that it is not easy for us to watch those who are still fettered, those who are still bound by the physical, those who feel these bonds cut very deep... Yet such is Thy will and such is Thy holy purpose that the children of the earth, while still in their physical bodies, can be used as definite agents of the Spirit; used as a channel through which power can flow - used directly by the Master of all...

Cleanse the hearts and minds of Thy little children as they entreat so often, and grant that because they wish to be more like Thee, the consciousness may come that indeed is the transformation taking place.

Once the harmony between that of the earth and that of the spirit is complete, so sorrow will vanish over the horizon,

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and peace, like a golden halo charged with power and joy, will descend and rest upon them...

Father, for all Thy many good gifts and, above all, for Thy unfailing love and understanding, we thank Thee with grateful hearts. Amen...

...Well, my children, it is with great joy and with a sense of peace - the peace of the Spirit - that we meet together again. And I ask you, little ones of the Light - little ones who wish to be so faithful and so true - I ask you to come with me in thought and to consider a little more of those things which appertain to God; for, as you must understand, the things which are of God concern you vitally, inasmuch as you are of Him. So you see, dear children, that it is not wise - indeed it is the falsest of all theories - to draw any dividing line between God and man.

Those who have wandered from His love are apt to erect many barriers - many obstacles so high, so broad, so deep that, from the earth point of view, it seems impossible that the Lord God Almighty could ever be reached by them. But I have told you before that though the children who wish to know Him not, can separate themselves from Love Divine - yet Love Divine bridges all gulfs, and even those who spurn Him, with deliberate intent, are still companioned by the Christ whom they deny.

It seems to you sometimes that I strain your credulity almost to breaking point, in regard to the compassionate understanding of the Father. But, dear children, when you come here you will find - with so much joy - that indeed I was able only to portray just a few glints of the glorious Light which His unbounded love represents. I want you, more and more, to allow the thought of Christ, of God, of the Great Father, to penetrate deeper and deeper into your minds, until it is linked up with the mind of the spirit, which knows its God indeed.

Children, at this time you have been going over in your thoughts the nature of the gift which Christ gave on the Cross of Calvary, His sufferings, and the dawn of that bright morning when death was vanquished for ever more.

And I am glad - speaking for my Master - I am glad that some of you have been able to extend your sympathy and understanding to those who loved Him so well; those who watched and waited; those who indeed passed through that which was worse than any physical death could be...

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Children, I have tried to portray to you a little of the deep emotion which the earthly Presence of Our Lord inspired. But it is impossible for you to grasp more than a tithe of what this represented, because, to bring it home to you, you must indeed have seen Christ first - not only felt Him in your hearts and minds, but have seen Him - for the eyes, whether of the physical body or of the spirit-body within, the eyes have a way of registering and of impressing the mind as nothing else can do.

And, dear children, you are right in thinking that those who watched the maltreatment and waited through the long hours of agony, that these suffered as few can ever suffer again.

I am only bringing this in because it illustrates certain aspects of physical life; and while I am on the subject I would remind you of the women's part, both before and after the act of crucifixion had taken place.

You see, dear children, being women yourselves you can understand, in a certain measure, what it must have been to stand by helpless, and to realise that help from any source was unobtainable, except by a miracle.

This is a point which has not been considered sufficiently. Those followers of Our Lord during His short mission upon earth had seen much, in regard to others, of power - coming they knew not whence - but bringing a result which was staggering to all. They knew that Our Lord, in this respect, was not as other men. I put it in this way because He was so intensely human - human in its best sense - and they could love Him and confide in Him, dear children, as you would a tried and trusted friend.

Yet the power He possessed marked Him off from themselves, and so, right from the very beginning, in spite of the forewarning which had been given to them - given with that consideration which surpasses anything I can describe - forgetting the prophecies, those who loved Him waited minute by minute to see an exhibition of that power which He had shown so freely in regard to others...

Children, I must explain. My reason for referring to our part is this: That as a test, it was the fiercest that has ever been put to man. I am speaking from experience. Cannot you imagine that our hearts and minds burned with a sense of injustice, burned with anger - yes, anger - against those who, by trickery and devious means, had taken Our Lord out of our midst; and, even as the psalmist of old, there were few who did not think it

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a fitting moment for the vengeance of the Most High to be hurled down upon those who had fallen so far.

Children, I tell you this because I want you to understand that we were just as you are today - full of those weaknesses and strengths which represent human nature before the greater understanding comes. As those moments dragged by, so hope rose and fell again; so we prayed with faith, and so we prayed in despair. And when it was o'er, it was broken men and women who turned back towards the city, towards the life which went on just the same - and which had ended for us...

And the women suffered most - yes, I can say that the women suffered most, because of that capacity within - be they mother or not - that capacity for throwing their love over The Adored, even as a cloak of protection. To the women it was torture indeed. Not one of them who were His friends or companions would not willingly and gladly have laid down their life - as a mother would - to save that which meant so much to them... Agony upon agony, as the hours went on; and I am glad that my children can enter into something of the pangs which mother and maid experienced during that day, which seemed as years...

And when, dear children, we come to Christ's side, we get at once His understanding way of looking into the hearts and minds of each one individually; and, because He was Christ and Love, so He came to her (Mary Magdalene) who owed Him so much. And, dear children, when one has wandered very far, isn't it to be expected that the thought of being safe home at last brings a greater sense of gratitude, because of the distance which lay between?...

This woman had suffered much in the returning. That is another point for you to remember: Because Christ freed her of the demons with which she was possessed, it did not mean that she had no inclination to sin again. Habit is strong; the mind which has been bent one way instinctively swings back, however much it may have been adjusted. And I say that that woman suffered and strove and strove and suffered again, holding on by main force to the Love and the compassion of the One who had sought to save her. And because she owed Him so much, because the love had a foundation of pain, of effort and of anguish, in proportion she suffered indeed...

And so Christ came to her, lifting her up above the darkness of despair, entrusting to her the greatest manifestation of God upon earth

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which has ever been vouchsafed to any one. Remember this always: That Christ, putting aside those physical standards, chose the one He knew to be the most suitable to which to show Himself - in His Divinity, in His exceeding love as well as power and strength...

Children, again I refer you to personal experience. Cannot you imagine what it must have been to Mary to see The Beloved there, not only alive, but - as it appeared to her - with full vitality and in perfect physical condition...

You see, dear children, that when one is immersed in grief, when one's thoughts are on the earth and, generally, what the earth covers so securely, it is not easy to turn the mind from that to the thought of life unbroken, life eternal. And she - just as so many before and since - she was, as it were, drugged by grief, and so Our Lord had to speak to her twice before she even found inclination to raise her eyes and to see the truth for herself.

This is a little thought I want to go out: I want those who have lost their dear ones to try and take in that this incident was not peculiar to Mary; was not confined to Christ. Yes, using different words, may be, but if those who grieve could see with the eyes of the spirit, they would know that their loved ones were by their side asking the same question: 'Why weepest thou?'

This, dear children, is the first instinct, the first longing of those who have vacated the physical body; and, as you have been told before, the sufferings of those who are left behind have grievous effect on the one concerned. You see, dear children, ere the silver cord has been loosened, while they are, as it were, inhabitants neither of the world of the Spirit nor of the flesh, these who are passing on their way are held - yea, and are tortured - by the cries of their loved ones who remain behind.

Their distress is twofold - and this is one of the many reasons why it is imperative that this Truth should be forced on the mind of doubting man. Their sufferings are twofold: First, because of the strangeness, and, generally, the terribly unpreparedness of their condition; and then, accentuated in a way which only release from the physical can bring home, are their affections, are those links of love between themselves and those upon earth...

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I put it to you like this: It is literal fact, and it happens all too often, that there by the empty shell, the mourners, tortured in mind and heart, bewail the loss of the one so dear. And there again, close by, is the so-called 'lost' one, seeking vainly, for the most part, to soothe and to console. I tell you, dear children - and in time to come you will see it for yourself - I tell you that there is no anguish to be compared to this, because not only are they enduring their own pangs of separation but, being free from the physical which protects, they take on the heart-broken conditions of the one who calls to them, it seems, in vain.

Children, as you have been told already, sometimes it is many days before the one released from the body is able to get free from the ties of that body. Where their loved ones go they follow; they cannot leave them through the long days or through the sleepless nights; and being so absorbed in what they see - so ignorant of spiritual conditions - we can comfort them but little.

Yes, dear children, it is a great, great responsibility; it is a responsibility that each one incurs when, in grief, self plays too big a part. Oh, I know that you will not misunderstand; you will not think that this great all-Compassionate Father does not realise what this separation means to both.

From the very beginning, using every means Love could find, He has been seeking to force home the truth that where love is, death has to stand aside, where faith is, nothing can intervene. And Christ, dear children, but emphasised what had been possible, and what will be possible, so long as this little world of yours goes on: If the children of the earth had trained themselves to use the mind of the spirit, to look at things with the eyes of faith and understanding, and to free themselves of the many bonds of the earth, they too, ere the third day had passed, could see their loved ones by their side.

This is not a gift reserved for the few; yet it remains for the individual to take up the attitude required - to get into touch with the things of the Spirit, so that spirit can contact with Spirit, free and unfettered...

Many thousands - but you know it not - countless thousands, right down the ages, have known this by experience; have known that it was possible to stand free from the limitations of the physical body and to see -

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literally to see - something of the marvels of the Spirit World which is all around them - close, closer than words can express.

Yet, dear children, as you know, Mary's statement was discredited, even as it would be today; and this is so indicative of the attitude of those who have not put themselves into suitable conditions to see for themselves. Mary's love - not her grief - but Mary's self-sacrificing, perfect love for the Master, broke down all the barriers of the flesh; and, overjoyed, she ran to tell the good news to others - but they believed her not. And in the world today the 'others' will doubt until they have seen for themselves; and then they too, with eagerness, will seek to pass on the good news; but, again, their listeners will doubt also, and much, much valuable time is wasted which cannot be regained.

Oh, my children, the resurrection and all the beauty surrounding it was never meant to apply only and solely to our Lord and Saviour. His was the life of Example - and His entreaty ever was that others should do the same, should follow in His steps; and, more than that, the disciples, as you have been told, performed greater miracles than Christ attempted Himself... So characteristic of the Divine Mind - so gloriously characteristic of His generosity, of that laying aside of power, of the wishing and the longing to pass it on to others; standing aside, watching, as a parent would, the efforts of His children and delighting in the good results which followed.

My children, underneath it all lies this great and important fact: The preparation, the attuning, the getting into touch with the things which are of God. And although the spotless purity of the Master seems so far from your own poor ideal, yet even so the Holy Spirit is able to be manifested through you, God delights to use His children to do what He - by a single thought - could force home upon the doubters and the unbelievers; yet He withholds His Hand, preferring to use those of His children who are willing to submit themselves to His guidance, who are willing to make the necessary effort, who are anxious to get a little nearer to Him in thought.

So, dear children, take heart and think not to yourselves: 'How much has yet to be done!' but rather say: 'By His Grace I will go forward, step by step, and even if those steps are small, yet, because He is my Father, He will understand, and He will help me to do better in the days to come'.

That 'understanding', dear children, goes so deep that no words can be found to express it; yet the spirit within is not content with merely

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resting on His Love, it wants to be up and doing, it wants to show that its love has some foundation beneath it.

You were told a little time ago - and I am glad that this message has lingered in your minds - you were reminded that Christ said to the one who wanted to do so much: 'Lovest thou me?' - and then, as the affirmation came, so the words swiftly followed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.'

In that simple incident there lies, in miniature, the story of the Life Beyond, which the emancipation from the body brings home so clearly and, sometimes, with such terrible remorse as well. Here in the Spirit we know that to love God is not enough; rather it is to do, in our small way, that work for which He has ever called for helpers: 'Feed my lambs.' Nothing for self only - the question put but to express the thought which was ever in His mind - 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

And this goes on for ever, until the last straying one is gathered in. Work and service and effort; love translated into action; passive Christianity turned into active, vibrant effort. And when you come here you will see, in all its loveliness, what it means to work for God...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, I am going to be very brief, but, first of all, I want to give a word to Dorrie, because she has worked well for us all tonight, and I am very pleased with her.

Children, my last words are but a reminder of what I tried to convey regarding the resurrection of Our Lord, and the resurrection of hope to a rather despairing world.

I want that thought to remain with you; I want you to see in it your life's work - nay, more than that - the very reason and the purpose of your entering into physical life, and the experiences which you have gone through. I want you to speak with certainty to all who question this; I want you to point them not only to the Saviour's resurrection, but also to His teaching, to His affirmation, again and again, of the life unending, the life which was to come.

There are no barriers between those in the physical world and the gifts of the Spirit, but the earth and what it represents. If the children of the earth would prepare their hearts and minds by self-discipline, by

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observing simple spiritual laws, by retreating into the Silence of the Spirit, they could not only see the things which are of God but demonstrate them in person so that others might be convinced.

- 'Be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect' - Be ye faithful, be ye watchful over self. Yes, the last two seem nearer than the first. Yet, dear children, by following out these injunctions, so, in time, not only can you be, but you shall be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

That is to what He calls us all. No blasphemy here, as some would think. The Master spoke those words knowing and seeing that, in the end, that state of perfection would be reached. I said 'in the end' - the end of misunderstanding and the suffering it brings - but the beginning of the perfect life which has no end.

Children, we have used all the power so generously bestowed, but we part in strength and unity; we part having accomplished what was laid down for us to do, replenishing that which was missing, again and yet again.

This evening, which appeared in danger of being marred, has been a triumph over conditions, an establishment of faith, and a manifestation of trust in Love Divine. In these few words you have your blessing complete, even as the Father gives it... Goodnight, my children.



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Father, we commend ourselves to Thee tonight, and we ask Thee to so draw in all Thy little children, that they may feel the effect of the world and its disharmony no more.

Father of Love, we are indeed in want of Thy most tender consideration - of that understanding and uplifting power which Thou ever pourest out upon those who stand in need. And we ask Thee to give tonight - over and above that which Thou hast given always, so willingly and so graciously, to this little gathering - to those who are seeking to pierce beyond the shadows of the earth-life, and to enter into something of the Light of the Spirit.

O God, we know that Thou judgest not; we know the realisation is Thine Own - that to those who have sought to undertake the task of entering into the Great Beyond - that Thou knowest the way is difficult, that many enemies beset the path. But even as Thou hast promised, to all pilgrims who would seek and find Thee the protection is complete - complete in that far-reaching way which neither we, nor those on earth, can fully comprehend. Yet, Saviour Christ, we see on all sides Thy infinite Love, Thy over-seeing care, Thy unlimited patience which never fails and never changes.

Help us tonight to go one step forward; help us also to forget the past, to allow the old wounds to heal up, to endeavour - yes, and with Thy aid to accomplish that which Thou hast entreated - to live under the Light of Thy countenance; when darkness, and all the real and imaginary horrors it holds, will be forgotten, banished from memory for evermore.

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Tonight then, once again we hand ourselves over into Thy charge, just as little children approaching a loved and most loving Father; and we are certain that Thou wilt help us, will strengthen us and will give us that vision - the absence of which makes so terrible a difference to those who wish to climb, who wish to see the Glory which is Beyond.

Thanking Thee, O Father, we commence our work - thanking Thee that Thou hast made this possible, and that this good gift shall not be taken away, because the price has been paid in full... Amen...

...Well, my children, I am very happy to be here again with you, and if some of you think that I have inclination to scold, then I would banish that thought at once.

You see, my little ones, you are my children and your sorrows are my sorrows, your sadnesses my sadnesses too, and so if I begin to scold, then, I must scold myself as well.

My dear children, the whole trouble has come about because you understand so little about love; indeed, on going back on your lives, love is represented to you as something closely connected with disillusionment and disappointment, and, in some cases, anguish too deep for words. Love has not been presented to any of you as it is God's will. Perhaps Annie, I would exclude your early days, but no more.

It is a very terrible thing to us - who see on all sides such evidences of gigantic love - to realize that those who are indeed of our heart, have never been permitted, during their physical existence, to see even the outer garments of that which is glorious within.

Therefore, dear ones, how can I blame you, how can I scold you because you fail to grasp my love, and, worst of all, that perfect love which the Father has given to each one and which never, under any circumstances whatever, will be taken from you.

I know, dear children, it is like talking to you in an unknown language to dilate upon the Father's love for you, individually. Theoretically, you know it and admit it, but the facts of your physical experiences seem to show the other side of the shield so plainly that the

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imagination fails in the task of realizing that that shield is bright and clear and shining, if you had but the strength to turn it.

I want to get this quite clear; I want you to understand God's side as much as you can, and I want you to be able to speak to others, who have chosen the hard and rough road, with certainty and with conviction.

Love, dear children, is a very beautiful thing - it has so much power and strength and vitality in it. And those who have only been confronted with selfish love - I use that phrase in the earth sense, but, of course, that word 'love' is desecrated by such a connection - but those who have come only into touch with that twisted, malformed, hideous misrepresentation of love, are to be pitied indeed - pitied with that complete understanding which turns the pity into the sympathy which is Divine.

My children, there is so much to be brought in in connection with love - of the brightening of life, of the sunshine and the flowers which are all allied to that condition - but I refrain. You have first to grasp this one important fact: That love knows no change, that it changes not when others alter, it retreats not one step when those who would come in between have been successful - in the sense that they have blocked out the memory of the love which is your own.

I feel, dear children, that in speaking thus, perhaps I have overdrawn the picture. What has happened is simply this: That the enemies of the body, working on the mind, have, as it were, built up a little wall around some of the children; and this being of a resisting nature, unfortunately, kept out some of the love and comfort which we were endeavouring to get through to them. Yes, it is nothing more than that, and now I have dispelled that wall I can say, with so much happiness, that the only damage has been to that unity between mind and spirit, which is absolutely essential if happiness - relative happiness - is to be your own.

I am glad we have worked through thus far, and I want you to understand this glorious fact: That because you are my children, because we have worked and suffered together for so long, there is nothing strong enough to do more than erect a temporary barrier between our love and understanding; and this love and understanding is going to expand, is going to assume such proportions, that - in the near future - these enemies will retreat, knowing that we are stronger than them all.

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My children, I've taken up a little time over the explanation, but, indirectly, it is part and parcel of the subject I wish to discuss with you this evening - which is in regard to the acquirement of that greatest gift of all, which, for the want of a better name, has been given as 'Charity'.

If you turn to your Scriptures, you will find that charity (agapē) or love - it matters not what you call it - you will find that this quality holds chief place. Other gifts are enumerated but they are all classed as secondary to that great gift of charity.

You will recollect that one inspired by God said, in a most decisive way, that if he had all knowledge, all faith, and yet had not charity (1 Cor. 13:2), he was nothing. And that statement and its immense implication has caused considerable thought in the minds of students of the Holy Word, and so tonight I think I will give you, in miniature, the spiritual view and the interpretation which I ask you to put upon these words in future.

From the outside, it would seem unjust that the acquirement of so much, so many gifts and qualities - all denoting effort and concentration - that these should be swept aside, should be powerless to stand alone in the absence of that one thing called 'charity'. And I can understand that, to the reader, the thought must come that there is some discrepancy, some miscarriage of that perfect justice which all like to associate with the things which are of God...

Yet dear children, looked at with the eyes of the Spirit it is absolutely clear, perfectly reasonable, and, once the Life Beyond is understood, the only thing that could be...

I take you back to this: There have been many who have travelled far and wide - in a physical sense - exploring this little world of yours; and also, to a greater extent, there are those who have roamed from the east to the west and from the north to the south, mentally. I do not say 'in imagination' because in this connection it is somewhat out of place, remembering the explanation I gave you of imagination a little while ago.

Children, in these travels, much can be acquired - many useful tools, much that is gain both to themselves and to others. It is agreed that to travel is an education in itself; and whether that travelling is of the mind alone, or of the mind and body, it does not alter the truth of the statement that to travel is an education in itself.

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Yet I must say this: That there is the education of the mind and there is the education of the soul - and they do not always march hand in hand. You see, dear children, when the body is laid aside, sympathy - that capacity for putting yourself in the place of another, of, as it were, being able to get inside the vibrations of their life and of their thought - this is essential before you can be used to work for God in a way which will count.

Do you understand? Cannot you see what he who loved God was trying to convey? And I would like to add here that those who speak under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit are not able, always, to take in the full meaning of what they prophesy or teach. The physical mind is the barrier. The Spirit of God, using the instrument of the physical mind for the time being, is able to push aside its borders and barriers and to get through that which dawns upon the speaker but gradually in the days to come. You will find this has been worked out in a very comprehensive way in regard to these sacred evenings - to the Message which I am trying to give, to the Light of God which I am trying to reflect to those who will pause and heed.

But let me get back. You see, when Paul said: '... Though I have the gift of prophecy... all knowledge... all faith, and have not charity, I am nothing', he was referring to love - that love which understands; that sympathy without which love is but half itself; that ability to place oneself in the position of others, and - by that wide charity - not to judge but to help them.

You have been told that the physical mind is laid aside with the physical body; and some of those who have acquired much learning during their earthly sojourn, are appalled when they come here to see the knowledge which must be their own before they too can be used by God to help and to raise...

Dear children, it has been said by some that: 'Life is what you make it' - and I should like to say that this is true in a far greater sense than the mind of man can grasp; but, on the other hand, it is a very dangerous thing for anyone to say who is without that precious protection of sympathy.

In the first place, life is indeed what each one has made it. It is the spirit's choice; it is the deep consideration of that bigger, nobler self within, who lays down the path which must be trod during the time the

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body is worn. And here, dear children, I should like to tell you what is so common a thing, and what you will find it rather hard to understand:

During the day, many are hard-pressed by physical conditions, and the weariness grows so great that they pray God that their burdens may be taken from them; yet the weeks go on, and, apparently, their prayers are unanswered.

Children, do you know what happens during the sleep state? I tell it to you because it applies to you as well as to those harassed ones... The spirit, being imbued with love for God, seeing the future - the glorious possibilities of that future - that spirit, free from the body which would retard, implores us and implores God that the burden should not be removed.

My little children, if you could hear yourselves, it would silence those questions of the physical mind for ever. It is as this: Free from the body, you limit us as to the help we are to give in the day to follow; and, as I have told you before, we dare not interfere with free-will, with the quest of the spirit, with its aspirations to that which is of God.

This, dear children, is not fancy, it is fact: That not only are we commanded by you to stand aside, but also the Saviour, the Compassionate Father is asked to do so as well. Yet, dear children, I must add this: Because the Father is Love, Divine, unlimited, unceasing, there are times when He says to the strong spirit: 'This is enough', and He protects, He lifts out, ignoring - yes, sometimes, dear children, ignoring the bravery of that which is Divine within His children. The Father's Heart is unable to watch them suffer so and - just as you would with your own - He takes on the burden Himself, so that that which is so weak, and yet so strong, may take a well-earned rest.

That is one side of the statement that: 'Life is what you make it', and it is a beautiful thought - a thought which should hearten you in contemplating the sorrows of others - but only to the extent that you know the spirit within will not be gainsayed, that the spirit within defies suffering, sorrow and the blows of physical life, because it's love for God dominates it through and through.

Then, dear children, I turn to the earth aspect, which is unlovely, in many cases, because self obtrudes in a definite manner.

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There are those who are well-placed - so far as material conditions are concerned - who are apt to dismiss, in a very careless way indeed, the troubles, the perplexities and the anxieties of others. The phrase comes up again and again: 'Life is what you make it', and the inference is that these misfortunes are their own fault - are the result of something which is lacking in themselves.

And while, dear children, I have to admit that many misfortunes are self-inflicted - inflicted by that lesser self - yet I should be denying the working of the Spirit of God amongst humanity if I allowed you to think for one second that those who are in dire trouble, those who are experiencing the bitter pangs of want - if I allowed you to think that this is the result of their own weakness when I know it is the direct result of their strength.

That is a point I want to drive home: Say not lightly - I speak to all - that this or that one's lot is self-created, in the sense that it is the harvest of the sowing of mistakes. It is a terrible thought to us that there should be quite a number who throw off responsibility - both of thought and of action - in this way.

This is what awaits them: When they come here, they will have ample opportunity of proving the truth of the statement that life is what you make it, because, as I have tried to explain before, the long road of experience is not escaped by any - and those who have never worked until the body was aching and breaking, those who have not gone through the sharp pangs of physical suffering, those who have evaded those destructive enemies of poverty and partial starvation - these, when the body is laid aside, will have to come back and go through, with thoroughness indeed, each pang which these experiences bring.

It is the only way of teaching the self-centred. It is not that earth-born craving to 'let others go through what you have suffered yourself', but it is the necessary preparation for progress, the only means for providing those essential tools of service, without which joy in the Spirit is incomplete indeed.

I want you to get this quite clear. In regard to sympathy, it should be developed with determination and concentration. The mere fact that, instinctively, you feel sympathetic over a certain case means, dear children, that before you took on the physical body you had passed through

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that same experience, and now you know what it is like - the physical mind, to a certain extent, blurring the remembrance, it is true.

On the other hand, those who are unable to enter into the lives of others, shows quite clearly that these particular experiences have not yet been made their own, and they lie in front.

We have got a little away from charity, you may think, but in order to express my meaning I had to show you that, after all, we have come back to the point from which we started.

It is summed up in this: That 'exclusiveness' has got to go, either in this world or in the many worlds beyond - that sense of exclusiveness has got to be lost - has got to be fought and killed.

You see, dear children, as you have been told before, in order to construct, in order to help, you must first be able to get inside the vibrations of the object. This applies more than to anything else, to the lives of your brothers and sisters who are going through their physical experiences, bound to the earth in many ways, yet the spirit functioning always in the place where it belongs...

- 'Though I have all knowledge and have not charity I am nothing' - and when the body is laid aside this is worked out down to the last degree. In the measure that you have understanding and sympathy for others, so is your rate of progress; but if you have not that charity - that love - then indeed, in a spiritual sense, you are without anything with which to work.

Tonight, then, I want you to promise yourselves that, in addition to those deep feelings of sympathy which go out so readily to those who are in sore distress, you will try and extend that sympathy in regard to the opinions, the attitude of mind, of those who are not quite in agreement with you.

This is my point - and when you are free, it will seem so clear and simple: Children, there are many in your world who love God and who work for Christ; and because the human mind functions in different ways, so you get an enormous number of what you call 'sects', and each work for God in their own particular way - and, sad to say, amongst these sects the element of charity is, sometimes, missing in a very noticeable way.

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Once you have seen the workings of God's Mind, as portrayed in the beauty of the spiritual conditions which are around you all, you will marvel that anything so trivial as a slight divergence of opinion could ever have been strong enough to erect barriers between children of the same Father, workers for the same Christ.

And yet it is so, and much sadness comes as a result, and the destructive forces of disharmony strike to the right and to the left.

I want you, dear children, to endeavour, in regard to this great Truth, to over-ride any little coldness or feelings of reserve which has sprung up between you and those others who have not yet been able to make this truth their own. It is difficult, I know. One's very loyalty - the remembrance of the effort, of the piecing together of the tiny fragments until a very respectable machine has been set into working order - all these thoughts are hard to fight against when, as it seems to you, others are disinclined to make very much effort even to find out whether your treasure is true or false.

Still, dear children, it is God's will - it is His most loving injunction - that you should be united in your wish to serve, if not entirely united in the way in which you regard His Truth.

You were told that exclusiveness in regard to faith has the effect of erecting formidable barriers, even when the body was laid aside. And I would remind you of the little incident of the worshippers who had, in the Spirit, built up a wall - even as of Babylonia - around them, shutting out their fellow creatures who also had passed out of physical life.

As you know, these were quite happy in their little centre of interest on earth; they were certain they were the only ones to be 'saved', and when they passed out, still holding tenaciously to the conviction that God had revealed Himself only to them, so they were prisoners indeed... Prisoners in a pleasant land because of their wish to do the right thing - but 'prisoners', shut off from the countless thousands who had long since left the plain and who were mounting and mounting towards the glories which have no end...

I bring in this little incident as a warning to all who are exclusive in their attitude, be it towards their fellow creatures on earth who are less favourably placed than themselves, or be it in regard to their worship - their attitude towards God.

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Over here, dear children, exclusiveness is unknown. In this happy Land of Freedom there is neither 'mine' nor 'thine' - it is 'ours', and ours is God's; and we see so plainly that only by unity, only by the closest comradeship that could be conceived, is it possible to rout and despatch the destroying forces that would attack.

Oh, I beg all who read these records to take to heart my simple words; to be certain that in God's sight the wish to know Him, the wish to serve Him, is all He ever asks from anyone; and if they allow barriers or obstacles or divisions to be reared up between themselves and those other children of the Father, in that measure they are denying the Love which they wish to proclaim.

There is no getting away from facts. Underneath what I have said is the strong desire to impress upon all the absolute necessity of trying to understand the lives and points of view of others - literally to put themselves, mentally, in the place of the other - to consider their physical conditions, their burdens and responsibilities, and to say to themselves: 'How should I act if my life was the same?' If that question is put and answered fairly, then condemnation would be withered down to its roots.

- 'Though I have all knowledge and have not charity, I am nothing'... When the body is laid aside, the revelation will come of something of the gigantic meaning which charity represents - something of the love, something of that compassionate understanding - and with the tool of charity you shall work for God for evermore.

Now, dear children, I will leave you. I have spoken at length tonight because it was urgent that this particular statement should go out as soon as possible, in order to put the children of the earth a little more on their guard, in order to show them something of God's way and of that immutable rule which is in the Spirit - of cooperation, of comradeship, of fellowship one with the other... 'And the greatest of these is love' - that love which some call charity, but which means just the same to those who have God in their hearts. And now I leave you...

(Others then spoke...)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN...

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...My dear friends, with your permission I will give my message first and my name last.

Tonight, it is my great pleasure to speak to you upon a subject which filled my heart and mind during the greater number of the years of my life on earth. I was not of your people, in one sense. I worked single-handed, for the most part, in a great country over the waters that separate your land from ours. Yet, if you will listen to me, I think together we may work for God in the freeing of those who are bound.

I want you, dear young people, and I implore all those who read this simple message that I give - I implore them to concentrate on freeing those who are bound by the earth and all that means. To consider what their responsibility will be when they come here - when they see that in their own lives there were those who were fettered, there were those who were most hideously enchained, and yet they stood aside, even as those in the story of old passed the one who was bound...

Yes, the good Samaritans are few, yet, thank God, they are there to inspire others. The good Samaritans have much to do in a very short time, and it is this that I would impress upon you all. Never do you know when your hour cometh and you go hence. Never can you say: 'I will do this tomorrow', for it happens that 'tomorrow' does not come.

In my own little way, I was led by the Spirit to do what will stand for all time in the memory of men; yet when I came into the Land of Knowledge what was it that tore my heart? It was that I hadn't done more - that I had not pressed into the days much, much more effort for God.

The grief which harassed me when I was working to bring about the freedom of others - the grief of separating family from family, brother from brother, father from son - that grief it held me to the exclusion of the greater vision, of the greater understanding of the purpose for which my God considered I was fit to be used.

Yes, and today this thought of causing disagreements and discussions, it holds back many who would go forward themselves. They cannot see that when God calls, all ties - even if they be of the flesh - must stand aside. They cannot see that the evil forces use that flag of duty - personal duty in the home - to hide the banner of Light, which is the one they should ever struggle to attain and carry.

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It is in these ways that much damage has been done; and because in your own families your loyalty and your adherence to the truth has caused those who should have stood by you to retreat, then I say to you, from my own experience, that what you lose in love upon the earth shall be made up to you - and is being made up to you - in unlimited measure as you go along.

Never be deceived, never flinch from the severing of the ties of relationship; because the real ties of relationship are in the Spirit and of the Spirit, and those who forsake in the earth life prove there was no link at all...

Oh, my dear young people - fight on! At times the thought came to me: 'Shall I withhold my hand?', but the protection was complete; and all in my ignorance I produced something in the pattern of history which can never pass away.

Yet not mine - not mine - but a great privilege, which was given to me to be even as a tool for the working out of God's infinite purpose of mercy.

We are bound together. We shall never fail those of the army on earth. We shall hold on to you and you must hold on to us. For the Light, the greater Light - which is shining now from God onto the shadowed earth - that Light has got to spread; it has got to suffuse the world in order that the blind may see, in order that the bound minds may be free; in order that God's will may be done on earth as it is in Heaven...

That is my message tonight, given from the depth of a heart burning to be used; from a will that now is strong - strong because it has been charged and recharged again by the God who is the Father of us all.

It is Lincoln; and you love him, and he loves you in a way that no words can explain...

Slaves were freed; and the slaves of self shall be freed, because it is God's will and because He has said: 'Let There Be Light' - Light not only in the dark places, but Light in the twilight - Light over the earth today, when that day shall be day indeed.

You are not lonely, my friends; you are companioned in a way you cannot take in. And I have a word especially for the young ones: I had no

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children of my own, but I had a father's heart, and the troubles and the sorrows of the young ones, they cut me sore indeed. Yet, while I stand here, I see, and I say, that God's ways are not only the best, but they are the brightest that could be imagined...

And now I must go; and yet that old mind of mine says: 'Ah, stay a little while' - but that is of the old mind, which we hope to lose - it is the mind which has 'self' in its corners - and corners are not easily cleaned out... Your very good friend bids you Goodnight...

(Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Children, there were other messages that I should have got in tonight, but my child is too tired and it brings a sense of strain. So we will just thank God that the power has been given, and that the sympathy you have given out as well, has all been used for the one purpose and the one purpose only - to help and to instruct, to enlighten and to guide.

And I make a personal appeal to you all as we close, to try and go forward with lighter hearts, with firmer faith, with a certainty in God's good intentions - nay, in His most loving intentions towards you all.

We are soldiers of Christ; and because He is our Protector and our Leader, the destroying forces cannot approach. They can throw their darts from afar, it is true, but approach they cannot, because God knows how to look after His own.

Children, there is much I could say, but you will perceive that the strength of my children (medium and note-taker) has been used to the utmost, and so I give just the last words of blessing:

That the Light of God's Love may shine upon you all, may inspire, may recharge you with power, and that you may be conscious of your unity with Him; and, because of that consciousness, may link yourselves, and re-link yourselves, with those who are going through their earthly experiences - strangers to the Love of God, ignorant of the future which awaits them...

God's peace be with you, and may the Holy Spirit dominate your hearts and minds for ever and for ever...

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Remember the unalterable Love of God; remember, too, my little ones, how my love is centred on you, and how we are bound together by ties too deep, too old, too strong for anything, or anyone, to have the power to sever...

And thus I go. We are as one in thought, in aim, and in purpose - and the joy of the Lord shall radiate the whole of your lives, casting its bright reflection on those you love and wish to serve.

Goodnight, my children.



SPIRIT POWER.

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Divine Spirit of Heavenly Love, pour down upon us tonight Thy blessing, Thy peace, and understanding of Thy ways.

O most merciful Father, we thank Thee again and again that ever Thou hearest the requests of Thy children, both on the earth plane and in Thy Bright Realms. We thank Thee for Thy ever-listening ear, for all Thy understanding of those deep spiritual longings which are urging Thy children on.

Grant tonight that indeed we may contact, Spirit with Spirit; that we may be able to lay aside the garment of the flesh and to penetrate into the sanctuary of holy thought, into Thy peace and all that means.

Inspire us with love - love towards Thee, our Saviour Christ; love towards our dear ones, separated by the physical alone; love towards each other - all linking us to Thy Divine purpose, to the working out of Thy infinite plan for the raising up of the children of the earth, out of darkness and twilight into the Divine Light, when the realisation will come as to who they are and to whom they belong...

Into Thy Presence we enter with humble hearts, with the wish to learn, with the desire to be a little nearer like Thee; and, trusting in Thy Love so confidently, we hand ourselves over into Thy Father-care. Grant that we may give out of ourselves thoughts of holiness, of strength, and of faith - we ask it for Thy dear Name's sake... Amen...

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...My children, this is one of God's evenings, and I want you to attune yourselves to the things of the Spirit in every way you can. I want you to realise that the Holy Spirit is upon you all, and to make the thought your own that much has been vouchsafed unto you, which has not come to the majority.

Into the Silence of the Spirit we enter; and the world and all those distracting thoughts connected with the earth - they must be banished beyond the portal.

Tonight, dear children, I have called you together for a special purpose, and I ask those who think they are strangers (Miss Owen and Miss Rowe) to lay desire at the Feet of the Master, and to listen with the mind of the spirit to the little I am able to teach at this stage.

In the first place, it would seem to you that, looking at things from a physical standpoint, you have much in common, but I want you to get away from those standards and to take it as literal fact that, in the Spirit, you - my little children - are linked to many; and the linking together is for one purpose and one purpose only: To rouse the dormant Spirit in slumbering humanity.

Not, my little ones, merely to gather the flowers of remembrance and reunion yourselves - that is the personal privilege which comes to all who are willing to tread the steep and rugged road to God - but the main purpose is bigger - immeasurably - than that.

You, the little children of the Light - although it is but a glimmering which, as yet, has been made your own - you are entrusted with the Truth, with this revelation of Love Divine - and I speak most lovingly to you all. I say that you have been found worthy, in God's sight, to be used as tools; and could you but grasp what this privilege implies, then indeed would you kneel and thank the Giver of all good things...

This little life - so fleeting, so dwarfed, so in miniature, compared to the Great Life which flows on and on - this little life can, if you will, produce something which nothing else can make your own possession. It is for you to prove yourselves trusted children of the Father - to say to the world: 'We have nothing in common', but to say to the children of the earth: 'We have everything in common'.

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Humanity calls to humanity - those who have passed over, and those who are yet unborn. Each are linked to the children of this little day. The 'trinity' once more dominates and controls. You must remember that those who have passed hence, who have wished to know the Father and His Love - they have retraced their steps; have, for the time, relinquished those glorious gifts and beauties which are their own; and taking but the power of Love as the instrument with which to work, they have come back and - in humble places, amongst the suffering, the broken-hearted, and those sore beset by the enemies of the body - so they have worked out, again and again, the deeds they did on earth...

And with the unborn, this goes on in a way impossible to describe. Those in the Spirit - fettered to the Christ, seeing the glorious future in front - they too work amongst the sorrowful; go down into those planes which, as yet, are hidden from your physical minds - and by patient understanding, have learnt their lessons, so that when the opportunity presents itself to take on the physical habitation, in their hands are the good gifts of the Spirit to lighten and to brighten the lives of others.

And thus it is, dear children, that there are those among you who call forth your love; who, as it were, open the gate between the earth and the Spirit; and, by their 'understanding', you will pass through and see the Light - the Light of Love which never fades, which never dies, and which no suffering can quench.

And that Light, shining through the darkness of the physical mind, rouses that which is of God within, when you, too, shall be torch-bearers to others, showing the lighted way, showing the safe and secure path, showing the glories which await all who have the courage to climb...

Yes, dear children, it is a great mission; it is a wondrous call; it is indeed a gift of the Holy Spirit - that comprehension of the meaning of Life, its purpose, and the wonderful plans conceived and weaved by the Mind of Love.

My children, there is much we have to do together, and tonight is a night of work, not just as food for the physical mind, but as manna for the soul. To you, little ones, I can talk, but there are many who are not ready yet, and so the power of the Spirit - that marvellous, unlimited power, gifted to the children of the earth when they are ready to take it - has, for the time being, to be withheld, lest it should be a danger indeed.

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Oh, my children, never be deceived. After the mutterings of the sky, after the physical demonstration of power, then came the small Voice, the hushed Voice of the Spirit - and that - that was God.

Children, I have something to say to you all, and tonight I am going to break through a custom of mine and speak direct to the two children I have gathered here. Therefore let not your thoughts go seeking others in this room. They are all here - those you love so well, those you wish to serve - but they have entreated me to take the leadership tonight, and this being God's will, I obey.

Yet there are things I would talk over with you ere we bring in the personal again.

I want you to concentrate your thought on the marvellous power of the Spirit which dominates - though men think it not - this little world in which you dwell: 'Body' you may be, Spirit you are - and this applies in that same proportion to everything in the world around.

Yes, dear children, although it may seem strange to you, even the pavements on which you walk are charged with Spirit power; and if you could see with the eyes of the spirit, you could read the life's history - nay, I speak not only of the little life of the earth - but the life's history of those who had worked upon it: The effort, the lack of effort, the striving, the weariness, the giving up, the despair - and, worse than that - the indifference; the ignoring of God, of His laws; the ignorance of their duty to others.

Yes, dear children, in a small space of the road or the pavement, there is a volume of fact, an unending mass of information, not only of the man who worked thereon, but of his life before he entered the physical body, and of those lives which have come into touch with his own.

And then, dear children, I take you on, out of the 'uninteresting' road, as it is sometimes called, to the green of the hills - if you will - or just to the little commons, which are for those to play upon who have not gardens and green grasses of their own.

Yes, dear children, it has been noticed by many, that in walking over the soft green grass, refreshment, both of mind and body, as well as of spirit, came as a natural result. Yet, as is so often the case, the human

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mind is content with the surface only, and very few remember to render thanks to the Creator for the benefits received.

My dear children, again I say to you: Could you look with the eyes of the spirit, you would see that above the green grass, a foot and sometimes more, there is Spirit-power - a gift from God, to recharge His weary little ones as they go on their way. And should you ask me why it is that in spring-time the sense of refreshment is greater than later on, then I would remind you of those same spiritual laws, working so accurately, so beautifully, for all.

Children, during the winter-time few there are who tread the soft green carpet nature provides, and thus it is that the grass is able to store its energy; it is able to lay up that which will be wanted in the days to come, that which will be called upon to an exceeding great extent.

My children, think you like this: During the winter-time, when nature, as it were, has closed its petals - shutting in the beauty and the sweetness that is a gift to all - then the human mind grows rather weary, and that same vitality of the body is lowered to an appreciable extent. Yet when the sun shines, when the voice of spring is heard echoing through the spaces until it reaches the listening ear of those on earth - when that call comes to be up and out, to feel God's sweet breeze, to breathe in the pure air, to expand the body and the mind in the sunshine - then you see the task which awaits the green grass beneath your feet. The children of the earth are badly in need of replenishing those forces, and so nature, in springtime, gives and gives again.

And it would seem to you, dear children, quite reasonable that as the months pass on, and more and more go out into the open, so that power of replenishing grows somewhat less. And so it is not only nature's law, but the law of the Spirit as well, that autumn comes - that time of re-harvesting, of drawing in fresh forces - necessary to nature in order to help man.

That brings me to man's part, which tonight I am anxious to impress on all:

Has it not seemed, in regard to yourselves, or those whose lives have touched your own, that winter has been long indeed, that spring - the spring of happiness - dallies by the way? Then, dear children, I would tell you, directed by my Master, that those also are the ones who are to be

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used for the replenishing of the spiritual strength of others; that that barren time - the time when no blossoms were to be seen, no birds heard singing in the air - that that time was the time of storing, was the time of gathering in those spiritual resources, without which indeed, when the brightness came, their powers would be soon depleted, their store exhausted.

It is God's will that those so equipped - equipped by training, I mean - shall be adequately equipped with the power of the Spirit - the power which does not fail and which changeth not, except to grow stronger, more dominant, more directly a tool to be used by the Most High.

Again, I turn your attention to nature. Here and there, dear children, you see trees and shrubs which are - as you put it - 'backward'. And why is this? It is because something of the earth - some structure - comes between them and the sun.

And so it is with life. There are some who show no sign of bud and blossom, in a spiritual sense; but are these - as some would have us believe, yes, as some teach - are these to be rooted up and cast aside for ever more? Nay, this is our work, this is Christ's work - by effort to pull down those obstructions of the earth, to banish those walls of materialism, and to let the sun of revelation shine upon them.

Yes, dear children, the trees are in a more helpless position; they are in shady places, put there by others; but here again you have your parallel, yet not to the very end.

I say there are many in the world today who, by their actions, by their callousness, by their spiritual indifference, have indeed erected before the untutored, a wall, which they call 'reason' - the reasoning, the theories, the deductions - which block out the Light of the Spirit.

So the child - as the plant - is 'backward'; yet this is the hope for all: The tree is the victim of the thoughtlessness of man; yet to the individual soul you can go, you can say with confidence, that walls can be banished; that they, in their humble position - hemmed in by a multitude of duties connected with the world - they, by the power of the Holy Spirit, can be as beautiful, as fruitful as the loveliest that can be imagined.

That is God's law. Ignoring conditions, trampling down those physical restrictions, tearing aside those false obstructions - you can go to

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these and you can say, with certainty, that they in their squalor can be glorious indeed. And many demonstrate this, in spite of teaching - or the absence of teaching - in spite of the lack of the helping hand.

Yes, the body may be worn and old, that garment of flesh may be drab - and, perhaps, unlovely to look upon - but once the little physical cabin is laid aside, so they will emerge into the glory which fades not, because God has said: "Those who seek to do my will, to them will I reveal that which is of Myself" (John 14:21)...

Children, there is so much I want to teach you, so much I want to instil, so much for you to learn, so much to do; and yet, little ones of my heart, I should not be portraying the Mind of the Divine if I did not tell you that by simple faith, by the wish to serve, all those great gifts of the Spirit can - and will be - your own...

Dedication, concentration, retreating into the silence of the Spirit, shutting out the world and its many voices, and trying - ah, yes, trying to reach that which is your own - the Spirit of God, within and without. That is the way to unravel the secrets of the Bright Spheres; that is the way to make Wisdom your own - the Wisdom of the Spirit, which shall permit you not only to enter into revelation yourself, but to demonstrate that revelation to others.

There is no other way. Many have tried, many have got through the first portal, and then, intoxicated by success, have forgotten the quest - the quest which demands consecration and devotion.

Indeed they have gathered up gifts; but when they come here they will see that those gifts were but misrepresentations of the real, but travesties of the powers. In that day they will go back - yes, even to the portal gate - and by service, by prayer, by faith, make that which God holds out to all, their own.

Without service, prayer and faith, the work that is done has no stamina, dear children; and that is the difference. Sometimes, from the outside, it would seem that the results are greater. But go back to nature - plodding nature, to the slowness of the growth - and then you will see how only the spirit can emerge; and until the spirit is free - in some measure - from self, from the world's way of thinking, so the work done passes away and the power has been wasted.

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Children, I can't speak too seriously in regard to this (spirit phenomena). The power of the Holy Spirit is used extravagantly in order to demonstrate, not the Love of the Father, but rather the powers of the physical mind - those powers which walk hand in hand with popularity and success.

This, dear children, has a harmful effect on that which is Divine within. Never think that Christ, the Great Understander, does not enter into the natural wishes of these, His little ones; but when they come here they will see - to their anguish - that the good gift, which is indeed of the Spirit, was not used to demonstrate the Divine but rather to catch the attention of the idle passer-by.

Oh, think you not that I judge others; yet, being a servant of the Most High, I should be failing my mission if I did not seek to instil the one little word of warning. When you come here, seeing things as they are, you will find it hard to forgive your lesser selves if that power was not used solely and only to bring the revelation of God's Love to suffering humanity.

Yes, the ways of the earth and the ways of the Spirit often run in opposite directions; and yet those on the Other Side are concentrating their powers, in order to bring the greater vision to all who know the Truth. Yes, they know the Truth, but they understand it not; they take, but they are scarcely willing yet to give; they use it not for the furtherance of God's work, but rather only to comfort their own aching hearts...

Cannot you see the difference, and cannot you see the responsibility as well? Only spirit can contact with Spirit; only the God within can reach out and find the Great God who made us all. Yet the things which stand for all time are passed over, and the pretty toy at hand - the poppy of consolation, striking in its brightness - satisfies, and they go no further.

Yes, the patience of God is infinite, but the patience of the Divine within you is another matter. And there are many who, when they are free, will be anguished indeed to see that they had the jewel of price in their hands - but they used it for their own adornment instead of holding it high, so that the Light of the Sun might shine upon it and others might see.

My children, I hope I have not saddened you, because I know that in your hearts the wish to be used as God desires is foremost; and because of this, a blessing - an unending blessing - rests upon you.

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Now I have a personal word for my child whom you call 'Louise' (Miss Owen, Lord Northcliffe's private secretary for 20 years).

My child, you were directed here because there are those in the Spirit who wanted to seal the links between you and this great work. And I have been instructed to say tonight, that if you keep the faith - in that higher, greater, nobler sense - then not only shall you reap on earth the joy which does not fade, but also those greater joys in the Spirit which no words can portray...

And I would underline what you have been told before: That not only has the story of your life run thus, but even before that body was your own, so the links were made, so I too was there and was shown at what hour your life would be intertwined with my children here. Yet, dear child, there is this to be said - and I want you to face it with that courage which is your own:

That faith untested is only half-faith; that love untried is not love indeed; that because you have accepted office under the Great Captain of us all, so you must arm yourself for war. Yes, and remember that sometimes, in your own ranks, hidden enemies are to be found. Sometimes even nearer still, in your own thoughts, that which is not of God alone may seek to creep in. In your own heart there may come - ah, it must be, if you are to prove yourself of God - there must come coldnesses and a sense of estrangement. Yet, tonight I have been entrusted with this message to you: That ere the enemy approaches, even as you hear it at the outer gate, commend yourself to God, and recall my words.

As in the Scriptures of old, God permitted, sometimes, that a warning should come to His faithful servants - so tonight I put you on your guard. Even as a soldier, armoured by truth, with the staff of faith - not a sword - in your hand, so indeed you shall battle for Christ, so indeed shall you conquer, if you remain true.

And I pray God with all my heart and soul that when the struggles come, so shall the Comforter come as well, so shall you look forward with calmness and resource, saying: 'Christ goes in front and I will follow, where'er it may be'.

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And then I have a word for my little child, Marjorie (Miss Howe, Miss Owen's secretary) and it is true that I asked that she should be gathered in tonight...

Child, it may seem to you that the little boat of your life has passed over dangerous waters indeed. But I would have you know that when Christ is the Pilot - though storms may blow, though the forces of evil may seek to wreck - with Christ as the Pilot, the rough waters are just as safe as the calm.

Nay, more than that: Have you not heard that when too pleasant the aspect, too still that which is beneath, so craft becomes becalmed and the harbour is not reached? Yea, that harbour which God has provided for all. And so tonight, I would say that the boat which rides over the rough seas - being guided by Christ - reaches the safe harbour long ere the other is half-way on its road.

Christ is here, and with His exquisite tenderness and understanding, bids me speak tonight with confidence and with sureness. So I tell you that the harbour is in sight, that the storms and the perils and the loneliness shall be forgotten, because God, using the tool of the loving hearts of others, works out His wonderful purpose, works out that which you, little Marjorie, came into the world to bring to pass... and that great response to the Divine within shall be fulfilled...

And now, dear children, I will not keep you much longer, but it has been ordained that I should tell you this tonight: That he whom Jesus loved, John by name, is here - and he tells me to say, to remind you of the Master's words: 'If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? (John 21,22)' And, dear children, the beloved of God has tarried, and will, tarry, till His Master comes. Here you get the explanation of his entry into the Bright Realms while still the physical body was worn - it was to prepare him so that when that tabernacle of flesh was laid aside, without interruption, he should carry on his work on earth for God.

And I must add that too often are the words of Christ misconstrued; yea, even John himself saw the danger of the statement - a statement which could be twisted by the enemies of the Light; and so thinking - and how human this is - to protect that which he loved so much, he added: Christ did not say I should not die; but, if I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

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The laying aside of the physical garment - to one who knew God and the working of the Spirit - was, dear children, just as the throwing off of a heavy garb would be to you in your daily life; and he, recharged with power, with strength and with illumination - he tarried, and tarries, till the Master comes.

No words can adequately express all that underlies this brief statement; yet I am constrained to tell you that there have been many who, voluntarily, out of love of God expressed to humanity, will, in turn, tarry on earth until the Master comes. Yet the preparation for this work must be got in first; and the understanding of what life - real life implies - this must be made your own; much must be seen and heard and understood in person, if you too, choosing the harder, the greater and the nobler road, would tarry until the Master comes.

I send this word to Ralph: I tell him that the work he has been asked to undertake - that of penetrating into the Spheres of the Spirit - is essential if he would be numbered among this throng. This work on earth stands as the highest, because it is even as that of Christ Himself, in endeavour - Christ who works and walks among you, as in the days of old; Christ who bears the burdens, lifts you out of the pains of the body, soothes the mind, quietens the nerves. Yes, this is the Master's work, this is the work which has been going on since creation started; that individual service, that personal, intimate companionship with the weakest and the frailest, as well as with the strongest and the purest.

The great army of God needs many, many to swell its ranks, to increase its power, to enlarge its scope of influence, to raise the broken-hearted, and to protect the children. Therefore, my little ones, prepare yourselves - aye, and again I say prepare yourselves to work for God, with God. And, by His power, even to undertake those same miracles which Christ demonstrated personally upon earth.

No barrier lies between you and them but the sleep of the Spirit. Awake then, yes, awake - and take what is your own; accept the privilege, the honour which has been conferred upon you, and go forward, not only in courage, but in certainty of the promises of God...

And in His good time, you shall see a glorious harvest indeed; you shall be amongst the gleaners, yet, as you glean, so you shall re-sow. And that goes on for ever and for ever. Because only by service can we contact with Christ; only by understanding, can we help our fellow-beings; only by

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releasing the spirit within, can we demonstrate the glorious liberty of Spirit which is all around, which is charging us and the world in which we live, and which is an outward and definite expression - as near as we can ever reach - of the Holy Spirit which is the Source, which is as a Fountain sending out its beautiful waters everywhere, bringing life and hope and emancipation... The Holy Spirit which is upon you all tonight, cleansing your hearts, lifting up your thoughts, imbuing you with courage, and creating understanding, so that the illumination may come...

And thus I leave you. Send out thoughts of help to those who would speak, and remember that I have said this is an evening of work for God...

(Others then spoke...)

CHARLES R. DARWIN...

...My dear friends, I hope you will excuse me coming on an evening such as this, but it is God's will that I should speak - that I should send out one word, not only of explanation in regard to myself, but as a warning to others.

It is one who is a stranger and yet not a stranger; one who has been present at these little gatherings for many a year, and before that worked and prayed so that the preparation might be there when the opportunity occurred.

It is Darwin, and I come tonight not only to ask the forgiveness of the world, but indeed to show God my contrite heart... Yes, in coming back like this, the memories are almost too much. Those days on earth which might have produced so much, which were given to me - as I see now - to bring the joy that has no end, have brought thoughts and memories which cannot die.

And yet if I talk to you like this, it would seem to you that God's mercy was missing. But, in going back on that little journey on earth, do you know what helped me more than anything else? It was that 'wretched' old body of mine, which gave me a pretty lively time; and how I hated it! I used to say to myself: 'If only I were strong, if only I wasn't held back by these physical disabilities, what I could do!' It was working against the grain, 'willing' myself to go on when the body cried for rest and for attention...

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The earth view - and the view when the realisation has come: That body of mine was my salvation; by its pangs, by its weakness, by its weariness, so I was able to get free; so tonight finds me here amongst you.

Yet my message is just this: That had I concentrated one degree of all that thought and research - in connection with the origin of species and the descent of man - on finding God, then I should have a very different story to tell you...

What fools we are - what accursed fools. And I thought that it (his intellect) was given to me in order to contribute something to the knowledge of the world.

Regret? No words can wipe out that past; yet I would like others to know that their cleverness - that their great mission in regard to tutoring the minds of others, of educating the masses - it counts for nothing when we are free - if there was not God behind it.

It is an extraordinary thing to me. And yet do you know that I am positive that half of my unhappiness - that depression - was caused by the spirit within, which knew I was on the wrong track; knew that by examining the things of the earth, I was - in the measure that the earth came between me and my Maker - I was shutting it off from that which was its right.

As I stand here. I would to God the name of 'Darwin' had been linked to Christ...

Oh, of course, we can't go back; yet we can go forward, and by climbing over those boulders of physical thought and theories and deductions, at last - yes, at last - we can get back on the road to God.

Tonight, I am here for one reason only, and that is to implore those who have made their minds their god, to repent before it is too late - to save themselves from the anguish of remorse.

When I passed over - after I had been taught by the children - I saw, all too clearly, that God had given me my mind to penetrate into His Truth; to get beyond the earth and to understand and to teach others something of what lies in front.

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Yet, so characteristically, back into the past I went, digging and delving, unearthing this and that and the other - immersed, bound, encaged in the 'glory' of the mind - a mind which was chained to the earth indeed.

You must excuse me friends, this goes so deep...

What I want to say to others is this: That in regard to all those theories and speculations over the past, the truth can and will be revealed to them even as they pass over, if they have tried to keep in touch with God. Yet man, in his pride, gives up a life-time to trying to explain what will come to him in a second of understanding, when that same 'clever' mind of his is no more...

And for the scientists I've got one word. The activity of the atom - all the endless discussions, those unprofitable discussions and the waste of vitality which they entail - the activity of the atom: That is Spirit power; but they won't believe it.

Go to your God, I say to them. He will explain to you the secrets, the so-called 'unknowable'. But they prefer, as I preferred - and I do not forget it - they prefer to burrow through the earth, and as they dig, they get farther away from the Light and freedom which is of God...

Well, friends, I am sorry I've let myself go tonight, and yet if you knew all, you would understand. I've seen so much of the wonderful love of the Father, that I feel if I had a thousand lives to give to Him, still should I be without a gift. You cannot understand it until you come here; and then the joy of the understanding will break down every barrier, will loosen those gates which have locked your own love so tightly inside; and I can promise you that you will feel the same as I, but, thank God, without the regret... yes, thank God, without the regret... Goodnight...

(When all had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Children, you may not be able to perceive it but, from the Spirit point of view, this evening indeed has been gifted to us by God. I am referring to the nature of the messages you have heard. Each one was wanted just at this moment.

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My closing words will be few, but before I leave you I want to draw back your thoughts to The Purpose which should dominate the hearts and minds of all.

I want you to conceive that a gigantic machine is being put together, piece by piece, and if there is one who thinks her, or his, part is insignificant, then I would tell them that when they come here, they shall see that the tiny screw they represented held - yes, held together more imposing parts.

Children, I cannot impress upon you too definitely the importance of small things - of the half-thoughts, of the tiny desires which seek to gain an entry into the physical mind. Those who are out to destroy have many means and many ways of working; and even tonight - yes, I must say it - those same destructive forces sought to enfeeble my children by thoughts of failure, by playing on the delicate mechanism of the nervous system... (nervousness over presence of strangers). And had it not been that power direct from God was given in a lavish manner, so those enemies of the Light would have been in a position to congratulate themselves.

My children, never think that Zodiac does not understand; yet have I not said, again and again, that the protection is complete if one grain of faith remains.

What you sow in blindness during these sacred hours when we meet together - what you sow in blindness, shall be garnered and used by God; and I pray you to be firm in the days to come. I have promised, in God's Name, that if you are obedient to this Call, the power shall be given; and if it were not for the weariness of the body, there are those in the Spirit who could speak the night through. We are strong in the strength of God, and where Christ stands, that which is of darkness cannot approach.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit is upon you. The power comes from the unlimited Source; and God is demonstrated and manifested through the tabernacle of the flesh, unimpeded by the restrictions of the mind or those many destructive forces which assail the physical. Free, triumphant, emancipated, so we go on - and again and again shall the enemy be trod under foot, if only my children will obey with as much willingness as they can muster.

And now I bid you Goodnight. I ask you, as you take your homeward way, to hold on to the thought of the trust - the trust of the Holy Spirit,

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which is gifted to each one if they will tread the rough and uphill path. And I ask you, too, to make a practice of retreating into the silence; to listen for the small Voice; to get away from the roar of the world and to contact, spirit with Spirit - and thus to break down barrier after barrier, to throw open door after door, so that ere the body is laid aside, the Light of revelation may shine upon you...

God's peace is here; hold it fast. God's Love is here; hold it fast. And let ever your one thought be: 'Not my will but Thine be done'; and this shall bring you into harmony and joy and power past all belief.

What the Father has promised, that He fulfils.

...Goodnight, my children.



HOLY WAR.

By Zodiac.

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Medium: Miss Winnie Moyes.

Most loving Father, send down Thy power and grant that this, Thy child, may be able to so contact with the great Spirit force which is all around, that she may feel free indeed.

Grant, O tender Saviour, that Thy great Love may lift us all up, not only out of weariness but into the strength which is of Thee, and thus charged with the power of the Spirit we may carry this evening through, fulfilling that which has been laid down as the work for these quiet hours of meditation and communion.

O most merciful Father, give unto us all that greater understanding; grant that the clouds which veil bright tomorrow may be dispersed never to return again; that Thy little children, centred in the Sunshine of Thy Presence, may indeed not only feel the warmth of Thy Love penetrating into heart and mind, but may in turn distribute something of the brightness which is their own...

So much we ask - it seems to us - so little we do to prepare ourselves so that Thy blessing may indeed rest upon us. Yet, being our Father, it would not be Thy will that this thought should find a permanent hold on the minds of any of the children of the earth. Thou delightest to give - and Thy little ones, according to their capacity, make an offering in return - sometimes of service and sometimes of love - and when these two are combined, then indeed is joy in Thy Heart, because Father and child are as one...

Tonight once more we commend ourselves to Thee and turn to our task bravely and with determination; yet forgetting

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not that faith must be there, in order that the power may be as freely used as it is freely given... Amen...

...My children, we start a little tired tonight (8.30p.m.), and I must ask you to give out as much vitality as you can, because there are several things about which I would speak to you - and it would be a terrible waste of time and opportunity if God's purpose was not achieved. I think you understand. I cannot make up for serious lack on the physical side in a moment's space of time, yet in this room there is spiritual power of an amazing kind - it is gifted to us without restriction - and drawing on that bountiful supply, so we go on, and so we conquer that which would hold us back.

My children, in regard to the campaign which is before all those who wish to spread the Light, I have one or two things to say, and I hope they will be helpful, not only to the children of the inner circle of my love, but also to those who would not class themselves as belonging to me at all, yet know the truth in part, if not in full.

Before us all, there is something which is in the nature of a Holy War; and yet in using the word 'war' I would not have you gain a false impression.

In the world, right down the ages, there has been strife, there has been bitterness indeed; and wars carried on in an atmosphere of hatred are destructive in many ways, in addition to those which are there for all to see.

Yet, dear children, I would have you remember that the most gigantic war which could be conceived has been going on from the time when humanity turned to the darkness away from the Light. This war is a Holy War; this war is between those who would build and those who would destroy; and this war must be waged until the unity between Father-Spirit and child-Spirit is complete. It is to this Holy War that I would turn your attention.

You must remember, dear children, that ever since man began to think for himself, there have been those same great souls who, in taking on their many experiences, have managed to keep in touch with God; and these, oft-times solitary ones, have ever fought against the multitude and, in some cases have prevailed.

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Religion - or religions - have survived many a shock and many a pitfall; and because in the world there are many expressions of religion, it merely shows that the children of the earth, being children in a spiritual sense, have found it impossible to combine, one with the other, in praising their Creator. I use the term 'children', because if you watch the little ones at play, you get illustrations again and again, of what has been the case with those grown to man's and woman's estate:

In the beginning, the little ones play quite happily together, but as time goes on, a clash of will and of desire is almost inevitable because of the different characters, the different temperaments, possessed by the children. Most mothers know that the one with the strongest will, the one with the most dominating desire, gets the advantage for the time being. Yet that advantage is, in reality, a disadvantage to the child himself, because next time he is not chosen as a playmate, as the love is absent which would make his presence welcome...

Children, carry that idea on a little further; expand it, put it into its right environment, and you will find that it applies to those who, in the beginning, were linked together by their love for the Master. These are disunited now, not for a spiritual reason, but entirely for those same reasons of desire, of opinion, and of power.

Yet I want you to take the spiritual point of view in regard to this; to recall my words as to 'charity', as to tolerance, as to the necessity for those who are linked to the things of God to stand shoulder to shoulder against the enemy which is attacking. When you all come here, you will find no difficulty in sinking your differences in 'service'. That is the key which opens the door of Peace and of Unity between religion and religion upon your little earth.

Children, it has been said - and justly - that miniature wars - rather fierce battles - take place, between those who call themselves Christians, those who are wishful to do God's work. And tonight I am anxious to impress upon you, that in the future, you are called upon to stand aside both from criticism and from estrangement in regard to those who view the truth in a different way.

It is most important that you should keep this thought ever in your mind: That this war is a Holy War; that it is not against those who wish to do the Master's work - even though they may be hindered sometimes by the shadows - but your war is against the destroyers - those who have

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banded themselves together to keep the Light from penetrating into the hearts and minds of God's children.

This then must be your attitude: That while you proclaim the Truth with all the force of which you are capable, yet ever you remember where your real enemies lie, and where your chief work has to be carried on.

Children, last week I reminded one (Miss Owen) that she was to go forward with the staff of faith - not with a sword. And tonight, I want to enlarge upon that a little as we go along. I want you to realise that, in power, faith is far stronger than any sword could be. I want you to realise who is directing you, and something of the army which is around you. I want you to watch your speech - to be careful that in trying to convince others, you do not betray that which is of God within.

Look at the subject how you may, of necessity God's work must be done with His tools; and His tools, as you know, are Love and Service to others. Yes, very often it is difficult to keep back the quick words, and quicker thoughts of criticism. But I want all those who read these records to have a clear statement as to the campaign which is before us - and the methods which we intend to adopt, directed by the Spirit.

Children, in everyday life you will find - sometimes in the home, and if not there, in a wider circle - those who are the 'constructors' and those who are the 'despoilers'. It is a curious thing - and it has been noted by many thoughtful people - that the fiercest criticism comes, as a rule, from those who have no desire, or aptitude, to build themselves.

Creative work is regarded, in the Spirit, as something precious. And I want to make it quite clear that when these artists - perhaps of trivial or mundane things - but when these artists feel that they have failed to produce what was in their mind, and yet have done their best - I want these to understand that what appears as second-best on earth is not only classed but is turned into the very best in the Realms of the Spirit.

Children, you can all be artists; you can all create, if you will. And tonight there is a little point which it is necessary that I should drive home: In order to create, power is required; and that power - although you know it not - is indeed of the Spirit. Therefore, dear children, harvest those powers which are your own. Never allow yourselves to be a despoiler of the creation of another. Be a builder yourself. Perhaps I have not made this quite plain; yet, dear children, I am trying to show you that criticism of the

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efforts of others is not only non-creative, but indeed is a diversion of the power which each one requires so badly in order to build themselves.

I take you from that thought to those many religions to which I have referred already. You see what I mean. Never say one word which is calculated to destroy the faith of another - nay, I go farther than that - which is calculated to destroy the carefully built-up thoughts of another.

Yet you will say to me: 'If I follow this plan, how would anyone be convinced?' It is a little difficult to the inexperienced, but the method itself is simple, as everything relating to God.

In regard to religious differences, try and adopt this attitude - of seeking in each one, those beliefs which are in harmony with your own. You will find, in the main, that however wide afield you may go, that there is a God - a God who is good, who is worshipped and obeyed.

Then, to come a little nearer home - and I am thinking of those many 'sects' which we have spoken a little about before - with these you have more in common. They believe in God the Father, they believe in the Saviour of the world, and they believe in the power of the Holy Spirit.

You see, dear children, apart from anything else, what an enormous lot you have in common with each other. All the essentials are there - the foundations are the same - and in talking to them, bear in mind that it is directly playing into the hands of the shadows to enter into argument on those points on which you cannot agree. Rather, in conversation, go to the other extreme. You have got your fundamentals; talk about the ties which link you together; and if you pursue this course, dear children - I mean if you take the opposite attitude from that which is common today - if you discuss the things in which you are in agreement, leaving those many disputable points untouched, you will find that you are able to build up a friendship of opinion which, as you know each other better, will indeed grow stronger and more expressive of that brotherhood and sisterhood which should be between you all...

I want to labour this point a little; I want you to realise - all who, read these records - I want all to realise that they, and we, are as soldiers of Christ; not out to battle against our own kind but to battle against those terrible forces of evil which indeed tax all our resources - because in our own ranks, there are those who as yet are but faint-hearted in their efforts...

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Yes, dear children, when you are trying to show others the hope and the revelation which even now is being made your own, bear in mind always that in endeavouring to bring Light, indeed must you use only those weapons which are in perfect harmony with the Light of the World and the Love which He represents.

Never forget to be a builder; and never forget that in building, you must start from the earth, or beneath it; and that you must commence with one brick at a time, and these must be added singly, with precision, and with an eye to the future if your erection is going to be of utility in the days to come.

There are many thoughts which will arise from my words tonight, and I want the thinkers to, as it were, hand themselves over to the guidance of the Spirit, so that the messengers - working under the direction of God - may lead their thoughts into the channels which are of Him; on to that broad, unbounded plane of realisation, when they too will see the necessity of sinking their differences - and of working and striving and battling together, so that Right may prevail and Love be established for all time.

And then, dear children, I have a few words to say to those who have been troubled by many doubts in regard to this further revelation of the Truth. There are those gathered into the outer circle of my love, whose hearts and minds are devoted to the service of the Master; yet it has been their lot that many doubts and questionings have arisen in regard to the enormous responsibility attached to the handling and to the spreading of this Truth.

Children, for such as these I have a word of comfort, and I give it tonight by God's injunction: Those who are pure of heart and mind shall see that God's ways are not man's ways, and that even the doubts of their mind shall be used for the furtherance of His great work.

I tell them this: That because they have suffered and because they must suffer before this fuller revelation can become their own, so in turn, by the knowledge of the doubts and the questionings which assail the human mind, power shall be given to them to lend just the right influence at the right moment to dispel the misgivings of others.

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I speak not of this little life; my vision is far, far wider than that. I tell them that through the uncountable time to come, indeed shall they see that God, taking the very doubts which assailed them - because their hearts and minds were pure - uses them for His unlimited purpose, turns that which might seem as loss into gain, into that which shall grow in strength and in beauty as the years go on. Yes, it is used again and again by the Father, to bring Light to those who, as yet, wander in the twilight of understanding - sensing God and His purpose, but not seeing face to face.

Then, dear children, tonight I must say another word or two in regard to Faith. Is it not true that all things which are worth having have to be striven for, have to be paid for, by effort and by thought?

You, my little children - and many, many others - could have been saved much suffering, many chills of the heart and mind, if only you could have believed in the good intentions of the Father towards you, individually, during your daily life.

Yet, again, I have words of hope and cheer. I say that because there have been those among you who have desired that larger faith with all their hearts, and yet have found that it escaped them - these shall see that God has used the waiting also in order to perfect the plan, to make more beautiful that which He has prepared with so much Love and understanding to be their own.

Yes, there are those who, if they could have believed in that which came only by the power of the Holy Spirit - if they could have believed - much suffering, much, much misunderstanding, would have been avoided and the enemy dispatched over the border never to return again.

But I must convey the Father's Mind and the Father's View: Because the desire was there and yet the obstacles were too great, God will restore the years the locusts have eaten; and not only restore but show - yes, lay it out before their very sight - what that time of waiting, of sadness, of unwilling doubt, has produced in the garden of the mind, because - and only because - they wished with all their heart they could have done better, that they could have held on to faith undismayed, could have shown their faith without hesitation or misgiving.

Children, the things which are worth having have to be worked for - and they have got to be prized when they have been made your own. The plant of faith needs careful watching and much replenishing in the way of

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soil; it requires ever that the sunshine of God's Love should have an opportunity of shining directly upon it; that the pure fresh breeze of the Spirit should strengthen its stems; and then being watered by Service - by those waters which have been described as 'Life-everlasting' - your beautiful plant should not only survive the experience of change of season, but ever expand its branches, ever add new beauty to its blossoms, ever more send out sweeter and sweeter fragrance so that those who pass by are forced to stop and admire...

Yes, that faith shall be your own because the desire has been there, because the work and the effort has not been missing, and because - though heart and mind fainted at the process - the patience held out until the Light was made your own.

And Now, my children, I will leave you for a little while. There are messages which must be got in tonight, and I call upon your attention and sympathy, which I know will be there for the use of those who speak.

Just one word for my little secretary (Dorrie), and Zodiac speaks to her direct because of this:

Child, never forget, although the strain of these evenings may be great, that this task will be shown to you in the days to come - nay, not when physical life is laid aside but in the days to come - as the most important thing in your life - as a task so spiritual that, indeed, you will turn back and marvel that God was able to use you in such a measure and for such a great and glorious purpose. Think not lightly of it; and yet think not too seriously of the tax it entails... I see beyond the present - but your eyes are bound; yet trust in the Love of the Father, and trust in my love as well.

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

Children, my closing words will be very brief. We have done better tonight than seemed possible when we started, and each and every one has contributed her part. Once more, we have worked through weariness into strength - out of sadness into joy. That is the promise for the future, to be worked out in detail, and then to be hallowed by God, because, in the Spirit, it has all been done for love of Him.

Yes, I want you to let this little thought find a place in your mind: To you it seems that, more or less, you work according to rule, according to

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habit and, sometimes, when the reluctance makes itself felt, it seems hard indeed to realise that the root of that effort, that the source of your endeavour is perfect love, perfect unity with God. Yet when the physical is laid aside - and the many barriers it makes - you will go back on your tracks, and will see, with so much joy, that you worked for Christ, not only because He asked it of you, but because the love within ever sought to express itself in action.

And now, my children, I leave you. Rest in peace and with the assurance that God understands the human heart and mind through and through; understands that physical life sometimes throws a shade over the brightness of His Love; but only to children who are weary. As the weariness retreats, so the splendour comes back again into its own, so are you made happy and conscious of the Presence of The Beloved in your lives, in your homes - that sweetest Companion of all, our Saviour Christ, the Friend of friends, the Lover of lovers - closer than breath - in you, of you, and you of Him...

May the Holy Spirit inspire you and illuminate the path which lies in front; may the consciousness of Divine Love suffuse your whole being, and may you each and every one realise what has been laid upon you and whither your steps are trending.

Goodnight, my little ones, and remember - ah, remember - the tie that is between us.



THE PLAIN OF ISOLATION.

By Zodiac.

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Our Father, look down upon Thy children gathered here tonight; and grant that they, by faith, may be able to step out of the world of sense into that vast range of the Spirit. Give to them all, the desire and the determination to extricate themselves from the things of the earth; and to pass o'er the threshold, out of the twilight into the Light, out of sorrow into joy, out of the hardness of the world into Thy wonderful enveloping Love...

Saviour, in Thy Hands we leave everything that tortures the mind, that causes pain to the heart; and all that which tries, ever and ever again, to come in between Thy children and that perfect confidence which the spirit within has in its Father, in its Director - has in Thee - Lord God Almighty, Creator of all things that have been or shall be...

Yet we come back to this - to the reliance on Thy understanding; to the promises that Thou hast made to restore, to lift us up, to recharge us with power, so that we may disregard the roughness of the road and go on our way, not only rejoicing but dragging others up as well.

In the hearts and minds of each, this desire holds prior place; though indeed that which is of darkness would have them believe otherwise. So tonight, O Father, we ask that the Veil may be rent in twain; and that they may see themselves as they are - see the quest of the spirit, its enthusiasm and its determination to continue upward and onward for ever and for ever...

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We know that Thy Love is here; we know that we are surrounded by those from the Bright Realms; we know also that it is Thy Will that these precious hours should be used not only to comfort and uplift in the present time, but also as a beacon of Light in the days to come - that Light, because it is of Thy Love, and by Thy Love, drawing the children of the earth away from their toys and turning them indeed into Thy disciples...

This belongs to the by and by, yet we must build now for the future; and so, most tender Saviour, use us in the measure that Thou art able - in the measure that we have prepared ourselves - use us for Thy Divine purpose... Amen...

...Well, my children, it seemed a pity just at first to block out so much brightness, to veil from your eyes the radiance of the sun and the beauty which nature presents in such a delightful form at this season of the year.

Yet, dear children, I must tell you that in this little room there is a loveliness which surpasses anything that nature can show. There is a Light - the Light of the Spirit - before which the sun, even in its zenith, would seem but as a candle shining against the light of day. In this room has been gathered, by those who love to assemble here, that which no tongue can tell - treasures from the Heavenly climes where all walk softly because Holiness is all around.

Think then to yourselves, my little ones, that you have not lost by forbidding the light of the physical world to shine upon you; for you are centred in that which knows no night, in that which indeed is an emanation of the Divine, of the Beloved, of the One you not only wish to serve, but the One whom you adore with all the force of which the spirit within is capable...

Yes, it has seemed otherwise to some; it has seemed sometimes that the world, with its many irksome duties, with the toll taken on the physical body, has come in between; nay, more than that, has killed much of the love that they wish could still be there.

Well, my children, you know that I always face things squarely, and so tonight I am going to speak to you, just for a little, in regard to: 'The Plain of Isolation' - over which every pilgrim must pass if they would reach the Promised Land.

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I want you to look at things in a practical way: On the one hand, to forbid those bitter self-reproaches, that intense remorse, that personal loathing of self, because it fails so ignominiously to rise above its environment. Yes, to extricate yourself from that; and, also, to disown the notion which the shadows have tried - with great persistency - to force upon the minds of some of my children that the distance between them and The Christ is so great that it can never be bridged; that it is no use continuing the task, no use trying to accomplish what is foreshadowed to failure.

Children, some of you who have read and studied the experiences of those whom you call 'saints', have seen, with great dismay, that each one in turn passed over the desert-land; yes, and that many were, as it were, bound and fettered for long periods of time to that condition which was as a wilderness indeed.

Yet, dear children, in contemplating this, you cannot ignore the fact that, in the end, the golden glory of revelation was made their own. It is impossible to attain to so much in the way of spiritual progress without paying the price and, in some cases, the price is heavy indeed.

Yet others have trod the self same path, and those whom you admire and revere so much - these too, my little ones, were forced again and again to ask themselves if love for The Master was dead for ever. These too became so isolated from the joys of life, and from those greater joys of communion with The Divine, that not only in a physical sense, but mentally and spiritually as well, the land was barren indeed.

I remind you of these incidents in the lives of others both as a warning and as a reassurance to you who also would take the steep, short road to God. Yet, dear children, you must admit, that in one particular you are more favourably placed. You have those around you who can remind you that the bleakness, that the sunlessness of life's aspect, is but a passing phase; is but a test - a most necessary test - to see if the physical will is indeed bound to that which is Divine within.

So long as the world goes on, these battles between the physical and spiritual will continue - and, in many cases, long after this world has ceased to be. Yes, under other conditions the battle will be waged until the enemy is overcome.

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But tonight, dear children, I want you, if you will, to listen to my words of love - yes, to that love and understanding which escapes your comprehension altogether; I must say 'altogether', because the realisation which has penetrated into your minds is so infinitesimal, to me so unworthy of the name of love, that I say - perhaps with sadness - that your comprehension of my love and understanding, practically, does not exist.

Yet, dear children, one of these fine days, I am going, in part, to force through some conception of the love I have for my own, and when that happy time comes, then - and then only - will you be able to grasp just a fragment of the love which the Saviour has for each one. At present that, too, is a closed book to you; but never mind, books were made to be opened, and you have all Eternity before you in which to turn the pages; each page - nay, each word - being a definite, vivid expression of the Love the Father has for His children.

But let me get back. I would speak to you, dear children, about that very natural shrinking which you feel in regard to others going through the same experience - that of loneliness, and, as it seems to you, isolation from the Divine Presence.

Well, dear children, it is something like this: You will remember when the children of Israel were on the point of leaving the wilderness, that messengers were sent in front to report on that which had been promised to be the possession of the faithful. You will recollect, as well, that there was one - and only one - who came back with a good report.

That did not mean that Joshua had not suffered; it did not mean that the way he had taken had been freer from dangers, or that the view presented to him had been merely that of a sheltered corner, while the enemy lay hidden on either side.

Children, prospecting in that way would have had no value at all; and Joshua - having been trained, prepared and chosen as a suitable messenger - indeed went through as much or more than the others, during his visit into the unknown land which lay beyond the confines of the wilderness.

I think you can see that this applies, without stretching any point at all, to the work which you have undertaken in the Name of the Saviour of mankind. Children, Joshua saw that before the Land of Promise could be made their own, a struggle must take place; but he knew this also - the

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long sojourn in the wilderness, the gathering together of spiritual resources, the training, the discipline and the organisation - all in preparation for that great day when God should say: 'Go forth and take that which I have given into your hand'.

Children, I want you all to be as Joshua. I want you, in going on in front, not to allow the remembrance of your own suffering to be used by the shadows to keep back the spiritual progress of others - those others who, perhaps, if they knew all, might hesitate to advance.

I want you to reason thus with yourselves, to say: 'Hard though the road may have been, numerous the enemies, many, many the disappointments, yet here and now I can say I am safe and sound, because the protection was complete!' I want you to come back with a good report, dear children, weariness is so soon forgotten, and the pains of the body, and the vexations of the soul - why! when they are past, they are past, they are gone - and all the advantage lies in your own hands, the experience gained is a possession which no one can take from you...

Then hearken to the spirit within, and do not think: 'I hope they will not suffer as I have suffered'; or 'I pray they will not be tested as severely as I have been tested!' Say to yourselves instead: 'In spite of everything I am still captain of my soul, still following my great Leader on and on!' - and because that is the case with you, so it shall be with them; and would you deny the brave pioneer spirit that which will mean to it more than words can express - that which will be shown in most marvellous detail when the body is laid aside; that which will arm them with power, with joy, and with a peace which nothing can destroy? For the sake of suffering a little while on earth, would you debar them from the great, immeasurable gain that is waiting for them just a span in front?

Children, do not think that I cannot enter into that shrinking, which is growing in you, in seeing others suffer. It is, in the main, a Christ attribute, and it could be made solely an expression of the Christ Mind if only - if only you could take the broader view; not to stem your compassion, but, instead of praying so often and so fervently that they may be spared, to turn your prayer into a strong spiritual force, voicing it thus: 'God give them strength to go on and conquer!' You see the contrast?

The unwise parent, wishing to save her child everything that appertains to discomfort, prevents that child from following out the

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purpose for which the spirit entered into the body - a loss so gigantic, so terrible, that it takes much, much time and suffering to work out.

Then there is the wise mother, who talks to her children and reasons with them; who tries to show them that by learning, by doing the little things which go against the grain, so they will grow up; and when they can prove that they are grown up, then liberty of action will be their own, and the restraining voice, the guiding hand, will not be required, because they have entered into that condition when - uninstructed - they do that which is wise and follow that which is true...

I want you, dear children, to be brave for others. As you have found within yourselves sufficient courage to pursue the path with determination, is it quite kind to assume that others will not also be able to draw upon their spiritual resources in like manner? Of course, you don't think of it like that; you only feel - your own wounds being unforgettable, at this stage - you only feel that you don't want them to go through what you have gone through; you want them to be happy; that their memories shall be sweeter, and that joy shall not pass by on the other side...

Yes, dear children, I know your thoughts through and through - and I know you better than you know yourselves. I know it is easier for you to suffer pain than to witness others going through the same experience, and because that is so with you, cannot you expand the borders of your thought sufficiently to get a faint idea of the Father's feeling towards His little ones?

You forget so often what it means to be the Source of Love, what it means to be the Father-Parent, from whom all parents draw their capacity to love; you forget that closest of all ties between you and the Father - far closer than physical parenthood could be - that you are of Him, that something of Himself is within each one...

Oh, my children, try and understand, try to look at things a little more from the Creator's point of view; try and understand how He feels when memories are too acute, how His Love suffers when you allow the darts of physical life to become embedded in your heart... Yes, try and put yourselves in the Father's place.

This great work of ours is going forward; it is going to spread in a way you cannot grasp at this stage, and tonight I appeal to the strength in

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you - I appeal to you to be strong for others - because, if you are weak, then you are inflicting upon them the greatest injury that could be conceived.

They too must pass over dry places; they too must find within themselves the will to go on, even though the consciousness of the Divine Presence may be absent. That is the greatest test of all - to feel that you have lost your Saviour. And yet, dear children, the mere fact that it has come, should hearten you by the realisation that the next stage is the Land of Revelation, where the sun never sets, where the most perfect companionship can be found, where loneliness has no meaning - where Love rules, dominates, and permeates everything and everyone who is there.

The dry places then suggest hope, not despair; their very dryness is a prophecy of the Living Water that is just in front; their barrenness simply indicates that the flowers which never fade lie just beyond the border. Out of the wilderness you step into the Land of Promise, into the fulfilment of that which you undertook away back in the dim and distant past, when from God you set out to find God - through experience - to find that which was your own, to link up the Divine within with the All-Divine; to for ever demonstrate your sonship and your daughtership with the Most High.

Yes, as on a circle so the journey goes, but God is not at the beginning and at the end only. As you have been told, God is the Centre of your existence, and though you travel - it seems to you - far, far from Him, yet at no time are you farther from Him than another, because God is the Centre of your life, and you cannot get away - you cannot separate yourselves from That from which you came...

Yes, I know there are many who, it seems, indeed get far away from Love; but children, they may turn from that which is Light and Security and Peace - but the Father never turns from them; and, if they would, if they had the strength, by one effort of will they could make the contact between themselves and The Divine complete.

You little know it, but a thought of Christ, nay, a thought which in any degree reflects The Christ - such as pity or understanding or the wish to help others - these thoughts, tiny though they may be, make the connection between you and the Father-Spirit complete. Could you but see things as they are, you would know that in that second - or minute - of thought, there is nothing which stands between you and the Father.

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And I want you to apply this to those many who have passed out of physical life who never knew the Saviour, who indeed never knew God - yes, never knew God so far as the mind of the body was concerned. I tell you that not one thought of compassion, of kindness, or of the wish to serve others which passed through their minds, did not make the contact between them and the Father-Spirit complete. Their ignorance of the existence of The Beloved made no difference at all. God knows who are His own, He knows the thoughts which belong to Him - and because He has the Father-Heart, He is able to push aside the barriers of the physical and claim that which rightly belongs to Him.

When you come here, dear children, it will be a revelation to you to see God's attitude towards the so-called 'heathen'; towards those of primitive races, those who understood but little, who were guided entirely by instinct... Yes, it will astonish you to see how these, passing through their physical experiences in an environment very detrimental to spiritual progress, so it would seem to you - to overlook what their lives worked out - what their sufferings, what their little acts of kindness did for the spirit within; their love for their children; their care of the sick and the old. Yes, and more than that - their helplessness, their inability to protect themselves from the fiercer kinds of nature, from the diseases of the body, from those deep anguishes of the heart which they did not understand, but dumbly endured...

Ah, dear children, all these things the Father has gathered up; all those unheeded, unnoted incidents which are taken as a matter of course in the lives of the so-called lower races. These are indeed turned by Love into good grain which shall feed the mill of the spirit; and those which the world might mark off as 'useless', well, when they come here they shall see that much, much has been harvested for them. They were sowing all the time, but they knew it not - so Another reaped for them and put it all by, so that when they were free they might have resources upon which to draw, and the power which those resources bring as a natural result.

Oh, dear children, more and more do I urge you to try and take the bigger view; to look beyond brief, shadowy today, and to be certain that the Promised Land is fair indeed; that it is worth a struggle; that it is worth the journey in order to reach it. Yes, it is worth many pangs, and that is why there are those who, having finished their own earthly experience, are so anxious to come back and tread the path again - or perhaps a little different one - with another. And you, little children of my heart, you will

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want to do the same; you will say: 'Oh I remember how hard that seemed, how steep that climb; let me help because I have been through it and I understand!'

And that brings me to this: That in work of this kind - indeed in any work that matters - it is absolutely necessary that certain ones should go in front; that they should blaze the trail for others, which means that the fiercest hardship must be their own because they go forward not knowing where the dangers lie; while others, seeing the warning posts here and there, can take care, can be on their guard, can walk warily until the dangerous place is passed.

Yes, it is absolutely necessary that certain ones should go in front, and yet has not your heart burned with love and admiration for the hardened travellers on earth - for those who, guided by the Spirit, went forward into the unknown and opened up vast tracts whose existence had been unimagined before?...

Children, when I speak to you thus, all the entanglements of the physical mind fall from you - it seems so clear, so plain the meaning of God's purpose in regard to your lives.

And there is another thing you are apt to forget: The pioneers - those who go into unexplored continents on earth - they receive the first impression, they also reach the goal first, and perhaps months, or years pass, before others are able to attain to that same point.

You see, dear children, that going in front has its advantages and discomforts. Right down the ages there have been some who have sought to penetrate into the Unknown, and they reached, anyhow, the borders of the Land of Promise, thus saving themselves much time when the body was laid aside. Yes, right down the ages this has been so, although often it was done in secret because those who were content with the valley objected to others climbing the hill.

So you see, dear children, that not only in the present but in the past and in the future, there has been, and will be, the hardy ones who, by their spiritual endeavours, will reach the land of Light before those others who, as yet, have not awakened to the necessity of going forward.

Nothing can take the prize from you. You may say to yourselves: 'But I am tired and would rest!' Yet, my little ones, have you not noticed

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that when a child, resting on the grassy bank, sees another passing her, running along the road - the rest and the grassy bank loses its attractions, her weariness is forgotten; others have gone on in front and she must go as well...

I tell you all - and I know you through and through - that whatever the inducement, that however pleasant the prospect, the weariness of the road would not hold you back now; it would not be sufficient to allow you to witness others forging ahead while you were stranded by the wayside, cut off - except in imagination - from the glories which are in front.

My children, that is the beauty of the things of the Spirit. Once you have felt the Hand of God, you must go on; you must, anyhow, do the best you can to cover the ground. And though, to you, it may seem that you have left the toys of the world behind and you don't know how to make use of the gifts of the Spirit which have taken their place, yet, dear children, I am told to remind you that the barren aspect is, in itself, an indication of what lies just in front, though you realise it not. Gifts of the Spirit have been made your own; minds so buoyant will soon readjust themselves to the changed conditions - and once you understand how to make use of those gifts, you will realise that indeed you have crossed the border, out of the wilderness into the Promised Land.

We have much to do in the days to come. Even from your standpoint the seeds are coming up in all directions; but the seeds which are hidden from your physical eyes are far, far more numerous, and many gardeners will be needed in order to protect and to train.

Therefore, dear children, you see what your part must be: By the very depth and breadth of your own life's experience - and only by that - can you help others, can you be the one to see that the enemy does not draw too close; to take care that the spirit - which can well be represented by the emerging of the green shoot through the earth - to take care when the unfoldment commences that not only shall the rain fall upon it, but the sun - the Sun of God's Love.

The rain is sacred - it is symbolical of life's experience; it is that which cleanses, and if sometimes it is over-fierce and beats to the ground, yet without that rain the plant could not grow; and even if it, in its frailty, bends before the storm, so shall the warmth and power of God's Love raise it up, again and again, until matured - yes, I say 'matured' by rain and by light, so it is firmly established for all time.

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Remember, dear children, that you are as Joshuas, sent to describe a Land which is waiting for the inhabitation of all those who would show themselves children of The Divine.

So forget your wounds, throw aside memories which perhaps are shadowed too much by the earth, and say, with faith, that the Land of Promise is fair indeed; that it is worth a struggle; that you are certain that - by God's grace - both hidden and open enemies can be overcome, and that the encampment can move forward and take possession, pass out of the wilderness into the Land which flows with milk and honey - milk and honey - symbolical of that love and service which not only admits you into the Promised Land, but also allows you to remain in it for ever and for ever.

Be not discouraged over anything. If you could but see it, you would know that you had cause for pure and unlimited rejoicing. And never forget that whatever lies in front of any pilgrim, Christ companions them all the way.

Isolation and loneliness are of the physical alone. When you come here you will see that the protection was complete; that surrounding you were a cloud of witnesses - yes, witnessing that they too had taken the uphill path, that they too had entered into the Promised Land; they who, by tribulation, have found that security from tribulation, which nothing can take away. These walk with you, protecting, guiding, because your eyes are bound; and these, in close communion with the spirit within, will lead you into the Land of your heart's desire - to the very goal of the quest which you undertook.

And now I leave you. Keep your thoughts steady and your will as closely as possible in touch with Christ because, as always, we have work to do...

(Others then spoke...)

ALBERT - PRINCE CONSORT...

...I hope you will forgive me for the long struggle (to speak) which I have had. I am a stranger to you in every way - by nationality, by thought, and by all those destructive distinctions which separate man from man.

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I am afraid if I tell you who it is, you may be unwilling to listen to the few words I am able to say, so, with your kind permission, I will speak as someone who - by experiences most drastic - has found his soul, and has seen also the soul which lies buried in all.

I have come back, and, through the years, I have shared the lot of the worker, I have gone through those many experiences which I missed in physical life - of poverty, of hardship, of labour - that unceasing labour for others in order to keep body and soul together...

My friends - and I call you my friends because you are taking me on trust - thank God that the things of the physical world have been kept from you; thank God that you have known what it is to go without; thank God that you have struggled against misfortunes - yes, and that you have risen above them - and that you can feel pity, real pity for the rank and file.

I would like you to know that there is a mighty readjustment when we come here. Those with their many riches, with their comfortable lives - if they used these accessories as they were meant to do, then indeed they can thank God, because it is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven than for a camel to go through the needle's eye...

I am troubled by many thoughts, by the remembrance of a life that, outwardly, was smooth and clear, but which inwardly was fraught with many pitfalls, many dangers to the spirit. And yet, by God's grace, I have been allowed to come tonight and to tell you that in the Father's Home there are many mansions; and each one of us - as we free ourselves from our selfish desires - are able to fit ourselves into some simple niche; and I particularly want to emphasise this tonight: That because on earth I was surrounded by the things of the world - mine and yet not mine - so when I came here I chose - thank God, I had the choice - I chose the simple, I chose that which represents the spiritual ideal on earth - the home with love in it, with work in it, with that mutual service which hallows all the trivial and the mundane details of daily life... Back to simple things, back to simple thinking, back to simple 'doing'; free - yes, so far as I could be free, having been bound - free anyhow to work as I wanted to work, to follow the vision of simplicity...

And now I am coming to a more difficult point in my message because it brings in another, and I want you to be as sympathetic as you can - we both want you to be as sympathetic as you can.

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I am asked to say that there was one who made many mistakes, yet because she was not conscious that she was denying the God within - she found the road open to her, when she came here, to work out that which was done, for the most part, in spiritual ignorance. Very humbly she comes tonight, and she asks me to plead for her with you all - that she may be a welcome guest when opportunity offers...

We both beg you to forget the world and the world's view; to regard us, just as two souls - a man and a woman - who by suffering have found the God of Love; who have extricated themselves from the trappings of the earth; who stand simply in your presence entreating that the love you give to the poorest and the saddest may be extended to them...

We are workers for God - all workers together. No distinctions, no difference, except what we did or did not do when we had the opportunity. As you would stretch out a welcoming hand to one of your own who had made many mistakes and repented of them, stretch out your love to us...

It is Albert, and I speak for Victoria as well. God has answered our prayers; the power has been given; enemies have been overcome by His grace alone; and I thank the Father for His understanding of the human heart and the human mind; for His goodness in disentangling us from so much; for His great gift of Love to us to give again - to lead us, to teach us how to tread the single path in faith, in trust, as little children, seeking to obey...

The strain is gone. It has been a dreadful one, but the strain has now gone, and I feel that I can count upon you not to allow the earth view to forbid our presence - it is a punishment which we have not earned... have not earned. I waited for direct guidance before that came through.

And now I must give place to another. I just remind you of our point of view, of our wish to serve God, and of our wish now to be remembered just as a man and a woman who have repented of their follies, and who have been allowed to work them out by service to the poor, by living with the hard-pressed, by lightening their load, and by entering into their temptations, and the many which only poverty can bring...

I am afraid I have done very badly tonight. No words can express the difficulty in coming and speaking, but I would go through the same a thousand times over in order to make myself known in this way. We are

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barred from many. The world is too strong, the barriers too great; but Christ Himself has opened the way here, and that way will not be closed because we shall work and pray in order to keep it open.

Goodnight. I won't attempt to thank you - to thank the one I use; but because she has suffered through me in speaking tonight, so I shall be able to suffer for her, and gladly, in the days to come...

Goodnight, ladies...

(...Zodiac...)

...My children, I kept you all for that last message. You were tired, but God's will has been done. And so I will close this happy evening by telling you that although, to you, it seemed that only two fresh links have been made, yet in the Spirit indeed a chain of Light has been added, and as each link represents love and service, so it gives you some idea of what you have been instrumental in helping to construct.

Cast all fears on one side; be hopeful, be as valiant soldiers who can look forward with certainty to bright tomorrow; to the enemy having been overcome - by God's grace - and to the open path in front of you, leading out of the shadowy wilderness into the Land of God's sunshine, when you shall see and feel His Love on either side...

God bless you all and give you your soul's desire - closer communion with Him, and the bringing of others into the fuller revelation of the Life which has no end... Goodnight, my children...



FAILURE AND SUCCESS.

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Father of Infinite Love, we Thy little children thank Thee with grateful hearts that always Thou respondest to the desire of the spirit within. We thank Thee for Thy over-seeing care, for all that protection which indeed will never fail. We thank Thee that Thou hast thought it fit to use us in this manner; and we ask Thee to so strengthen us that nothing of the physical may be allowed to interfere with the sacred mission which lies before each one...

O most tender and understanding Father, lift us up out of the worries of material life, out of our doubts and misgivings, and centre us in Thy peace - in that peace which brings reassurance, not only of Thy Divinity, but of Thy Power and Thy compassionate Love.

Tonight we dedicate ourselves again to this most holy work, and we ask Thee to make it possible that the spirit cabined within the body, may contact unhindered with those who are free.

Yet one more petition before we turn to our task, which is that the light of understanding may shine upon us all; that the indwelling spirit may arise and dominate and take that which is its own.

Father, we ask Thee to help us to help ourselves... Amen...

...(To medium, removing necklace)...

...An emblem of love, dear children, but during these sacred hours, the chain of office is upon her, and that must lie alone...

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Good evening, my children, and if I say in the beginning how happy I am to be with you all, then indeed I should be understating the truth; I say tonight that God has been over-good to us all, and that each one - as the days go on - shall feel that a blessing indeed rests upon them.

Tonight, gathering you into my love, I wish to speak to you about a very wide-spreading subject which concerns you all; I want to tell you a little about: 'Failure and Success'. I want you to consider these two conditions from the spiritual point of view; to banish from your minds the physical conception because it does not portray, even in a fragmentary way, that which is Truth indeed.

I speak to you all with most tender understanding of your lives, of your conditions, of your thoughts and aspirations...

To many, that word 'failure' strikes an answering note in the mind, connected with sorrow and disappointment. The course of your life has not run on smooth or easy lines and there has been that in it which has brought something like despair.

That is the world's point of view; but God's point of view is so different, such a definite contradiction that indeed it needs pondering over in solitude and in quietness of Spirit.

Children, the word 'failure' is used freely by those on the physical plane. The majority judge entirely by the outside presentation of any fact or subject; and if a man or a woman cannot show the possessions of the world - those decorative misconceptions of popularity and success - then there are many who say at once: 'He is a failure! He has failed in that which he sought to accomplish!'

I want you to go back on your own lives - on the memories. Many of them are tinged with bitterness and all with sorrow, because - it seemed to you - that do what you may, the conditions of physical life foiled you at every turn.

Yes, and it is quite easy to see that the judgement of others is correct from the world's point of view. Success has passed you by; others have reached that point to which you looked with such longing eyes - to which you devoted so much effort and so much consideration as well...

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My little children, how I long for you to get the Christ view of lives like these; how I long for you to see with the eyes of the spirit and to overlook the beauty and the power which you have been acquiring by 'going without', by laying aside the things of the world - perforce though it may be...

When you come here, you will thank God for these so-called failures - thank God that this ambition, that that desire, was not worked out as your fancy so ordained. You will look and you will see that God's ways are best - yes, are best.

There are many in this room tonight whom the world called failures - those who strove and yet, as the years passed on, had to look back and acknowledge that not one of their dreams had come true. Yet, dear children, have you not been told before that there is no dream - that has one thought of God in it - which is not worked out into actual fact in the Spirit?

I take you with me in thought, and I ask you to turn those leaves of memory to where this went wrong and to where that went all awry; and tonight I am instructed to say that when you are free, you will find that the failures were successes in a way which escapes your imagination altogether.

Yes, dear children, the world is very deceptive. Its conceptions are mounted on a false foundation - that of selfishness. And because the world sneers when this one or that loses those possessions which are so prized, loses that position which gave them power to control others - when the world sneers, thank God - thank God because the Saviour's smile is yours for ever more.

Failure and success; humbleness and importance; and when the vision comes, so you too, in looking out on life to those who have 'failed', will not only send out your compassion - as you do at this stage - but also the realisation of the part you have taken yourselves will come, bringing its comfort, bringing deliverance from those dark, questioning thoughts which now, it seems to you, stand between you and the bright Presence ...

Oh my children, cannot you grasp something of the glory of going without? Cannot you grasp that those who are unprotected - from the world's point of view - are doubly, trebly protected, by those whose power is as a sea compared to a little rivulet that wanders where it must?

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I speak in most understanding tones to those who've had to fight the battle of life seemingly alone; to those who have felt the lack of the strong protecting arm - those indeed who have had to fend for themselves, searching within for the resources which are lacking without; finding God only by treading the thorny path; understanding life only by going through the sad experiences of life.

To these - to all so placed - I have a message of infinite hope and cheer: I tell them that indeed are they the beloved of the Lord; indeed do they love that which is Love itself; indeed have they willingly and voluntarily, in Spirit, laid aside the toys of the world, seeing the loveliness and the value of the gifts of God; that the Divine within - having vision seeing beyond this little day - is storing, is harvesting, for the time of freedom, for the time when the physical body, having done its part, is laid aside and they - Spirit indeed, free from the world, free from its bondage - are centred in the Joy which has no end...

Children, though tribulation may have come close, remember that the Master has said that tribulation can and will be overcome, because He has overcome the world. It is but of the earth. The physical mind suffers, it is true, but the spirit within goes on, gaining new strength, enlarging its borders of usefulness, in touch with the Divine; and sorrow is unknown to that which is of God.

And then, dear children, I come to another point, and that is the application of Faith; and again I ask you to look beneath the surface and to see the spiritual meaning - the purpose underneath.

There have been those in the world who have laid down that it is not wise to test faith too far; there have been those who - representing Faith itself, yet bound by the earth view - have put a bar across the free stream of the faith of others, and for this they will be anguished indeed when they see and know.

Children, I speak of the power of Spirit put into operation in any form.

I speak of those who, gathering up all their latent resources of faith, have, with trembling hands, presented their gift on the altar of sacrifice, asking God to make perfect that which is imperfect.

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I speak of those who, sore troubled by the body, have gone in faith to God, asking that He might heal them as He healed others in days long passed.

I speak of those who, taking their courage in both hands, have lent themselves for use by those who have passed out of physical life - who have indeed handed over that tabernacle of the spirit in trust to others (deep trance mediumship), so that God's will shall be done and His Love explained...

Children, I could enumerate instance after instance of those who, 'fainthearted' though they might be, have yet found within themselves that strength which puts faith to the test. And I say now - under God's direction - that faith which is not put into action, is not faith at all; faith which is of the mind is but an echo of the real - an echo of that which Christ has asked from you all...

And then I come again to the physical aspect. There are some who point out so readily that - in this case and that - faith has hardly been justified, indeed faith has produced nothing in a concrete form.

Oh, blind and foolish ones. Oh, most ignorant mind of man. Because no outward sign in physical semblance is there, they say there is danger in exercising that which is of God within; they say: 'Keep to the safe path; don't expect too much - don't expect anything lest disappointment should come!' Here you get the argument of that which is antagonistic to the Divine; here you get the most subtle argument of the 'evil one'...

Children, this life of yours - so fleeting, so pressed in on either side by physical and material things - this life is but an echo of the real, but a materialisation of that which is Supreme, Divine, unending. And yet for the sake of that echo, the gift of price is thrown aside.

Think it out. Listen to my words, for this is God's truth. I say to you that not one thought of faith - nay, not one wish to have more faith - is not producing that which can never pass away. Those who have gone in faith to be healed and have returned unhealed, these have built for themselves wonders and beauties and power; and the healing which was not possible in the body - because they had taken on pain as part of their experiences - that healing is transferred to the soul-body, and that healing shall save them much suffering in the days to come.

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Think not of results in a physical sense. The body has many enemies - it is but a garment which must be laid aside - the mark of faith is on the soul, and that faith has cleansed, that faith has restored, that faith has brought a strength which nothing of the earth can take away.

Yes, it has been said by those who should have known better: 'Wiser to keep on the lower plane; wiser to avoid the risk of disappointment; wiser not to raise in the heart and mind of others that which may not be fulfilled'.

Children, it is impossible to raise in the heart and mind of anyone, a thought of God which will not be fulfilled. So I ask you to go over your mind and to think thus: 'That although my heart's desire may not be granted to me when I wish it most, yet that heart's desire is being worked out in the Spirit; it is but held for me until I am strong enough, until I am wise enough to put it to its best use.'

I want you to regard the showing of faith as something so precious, something so God-like, that indeed the pangs of the physical mind are as nothing in comparison. I want you to go to others and to say to all with confidence: 'Have faith in God; have faith in the answering of prayer; have faith in the power of healing!' For indeed they, and you, shall see that the faith and the prayer and the healing, all were preserved, all are in the Spirit, waiting - only waiting the appointed time for you to have and make your own.

Unanswered prayers? Such a thing never has been and never could be. Even your faintest desire reaches the Mind of Love; even those thoughts which are half of the world and half of the Spirit, find a response in the One who understands you best - and never has one remained unanswered.

Get beneath the surface; see the Spirit at work and know that God is your Father, and as your Father, tends and cares, supports and guides His little children who, it seems to them, wander alone on an unknown sea, guided by no compass but that of a wavering faith. Yet because even that wavering faith is there, so the little craft of their life goes on its journey and finds God's harbour at last.

My children, faith is so precious; faith has such power, that, of necessity, it must be worked for, if it is to be made your own.

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You cannot see things thus, but we who are free, we see the mighty, controlling, uplifting, directing force of faith; and because that one attribute is so charged with power, then, dear children, of necessity, the task of acquiring it must be difficult, must be of rather a strenuous character.

The things which are worth having, have to be earned. The things of little value, they come easily - but what can they bring you? They are indeed as thistledown, alighting a little while and then taken on the breeze, far out of reach - and unregretted by those who wish to climb.

But faith is even as a strong staff - a staff which grows. Yes, just a tiny reed, it may be, in the beginning; something you would protect, something you dare not lean upon for fear it should snap. Yet it can mature; it can grow so strong that indeed the whole weight of your physical life can rest upon it.

But that staff can only grow by experience, only by testing its strength, only by patience and concentration. Yet in the end, you have got that which can take you out of the valley up the steep hill-side, over rocks and boulders, over deep ravines - safe into the Father's Home...

The trusted staff which has saved you, not only from the perils of physical life, but from those deep anguishes which await the immature soul when the body is laid aside, which awaits those who have chosen the easy path, those who have leant on the world, those who have not known that only Spirit can help Spirit, that only that which is of God can take you to God.

The staff of faith which never fails. That staff is indeed gifted by Him to all when they have shown sufficient courage, when they have shown sufficient endurance to continue the uphill path.

To those who have started to climb with but a thin and weak staff to help them - to these I say that because, within themselves, the spiritual longing is so great, as they go on they shall see that, by the miracle of God's Love, that which was weak has been made strong - that which needed support shall indeed support them and others as well.

So, my children, I leave you with this thought in your minds: That the world's view and the construction put upon the outward and visible -

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these matter not, these are the things which pass away. You are sowing in the Spirit - and in the Spirit the harvest is glorious indeed.

Keep the faith, dear children, keep the faith - and remember all those who love you who are working for you, who are guiding every step; and have no fear, have no fear...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

And now, my children, we will close. Just one word to my little secretary (Dorrie), who has devoted herself to our service tonight: My child, I thank you in the name of all, and I know better than you know, that deep down in your heart and mind you realise that God's Hand is guiding you and sustaining you as well.

And now, dear children, I will bring this happy evening to a close. I want you all to realise that in congregating together in this way - by your thoughts, by your wishes, and your aspirations - you are setting into motion a mighty force.

This power is used and used again, not only in constructing things about your own lives, but those which are part of the great plan, part of the holy purpose which God has set into action in order to raise His little children above the world and that which seeks to hold them down.

Tonight then, we part in unity, in peace; with a sense of something achieved, something worked out - something which is beyond your ken, but which is tangible and real to us...

Oh have faith for the future; have faith in the Love of God; have faith in that greater self within - that self which is out to climb, which is out to achieve the Spirit's purpose; that self which has, for love of God, taken the earth-road, knowing that indeed it is the quicker, shorter path into the Father's Home, into that perfect understanding, into the revelation of Love Divine...

Therefore, dear children, view your lives even as this: Sacred, because you are pilgrims in a strange country, yet always marching towards the Land of Illumination; strangers perhaps to that companionship and love which means so much, yet drawing to your side those who are of the Spirit - those messengers of Light, sent to lead you

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out of the winding path, on to the broad plain, where nothing lies between you and the Vision Glorious of the days to come.

I finish now because my child is almost spent; but gather unto yourselves the blessing of the Most High, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and the knowledge and certainty that faith shall be justified and that the greater wisdom shall be your own.

Goodnight, my little ones... Be of good cheer... Goodnight.



THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

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O Divine Spirit of Heavenly Love, we ask Thee tonight to send down Thy power and strength, to make good the weakness on the physical side, and to recharge Thy child that the body may not hinder the spirit; but both may be offered up to Thee, willingly and gladly, because love dictates, and the desire to serve presses ever more nearly, ever more persistently, and will not be denied.

Saviour Christ, Thou knowest all that we would ask. Thou knowest the needs of Thy children individually - those who are gathered here and those who are far away. Grant that they may feel Thy peace, and that the blessing which Thou distributes so freely may be tangible and real to them all...

Today, O Father, once more we ask Thee to use us for Thy work; we ask Thee to give each one just that right poise of mind which may make the contact between those in the Spirit and those bound by the physical, complete and lasting.

Into Thy Hands we commend ourselves; and we know that if we go on in faith Thou wilt send the power, Thou wilt renew the strength. Give us ever more and more consciousness of Thy protection, consciousness of Thy wonderful Love, consciousness that because the spirit within wishes to do Thy will, all else must stand aside. Amen...

...MY children, we start a little over-weary tonight but - as you know and as I have shown you before, by God's direction - when the Spirit is in command that which is physical must stand aside. And tonight, because we have work to do, so we accomplish that which has been laid down. Send out your thoughts of strength, of faith and of certainty, and once more

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prove to yourself and to all who will heed, that the Spirit of God at work will not be gainsayed; that it is able to gather together the weakness and the weariness of the body and to demonstrate that because God wills, that it is as naught.

Tonight, my children, we have work to do; but I do not wish you to gather from this that you have slipped, even in the smallest degree, outside my loving care.

I speak to all my children where'er they may be - whether their thoughts are lent to us tonight or whether the things of material life have, for the moment, distracted them from God's great purpose, His purpose in demonstrating His Love for humanity, and the perfect plan which evening by evening is being unfolded to you.

Never think, dear children, because I place 'the work' so high that it removes you into a lower strata, because, as yet, you are bound to the earth, bound to that physical body which now and again - unwilling though you may be - comes between you and the realisation of the wonderful Heart and Mind of God. When you get a little further on, you will see, with so much joy, that by concentrating on the furtherance of the work, I did but honour you as Christ would have me do: I laid upon you the responsibility - and the responsibility brings privileges which no tongue can tell.

Tonight, dear children, heeding the request of one of my little ones (Miss Owen), I will attempt to tell you something about the Kingdom of God. Yet in the beginning you must know that physical language is totally inadequate to describe the things of the Spirit.

Many mistakes have been made, and will be made, in regard to God the Father of mankind. In the first place, I must ask you to get right away from your idea of a monarch's position. Of necessity, you cannot think of kings without at once surrounding them with pomp and splendour, with power and much authority in regard to the lives of others.

Children, the position of a king of the earth and the King of kings does not tally in any particular. And so, dear children, I want you to banish from your minds that sense of exclusiveness and the remembrance of all that furniture - physical, mental and material - which shuts in those who have been chosen to fill high places in a world which, in reality, knows not its God.

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Then, dear children, I want to say this: That the one who put this question (Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard) that he, during the sleep state, has wandered far and wide in the Realms of the Spirit. In the Spirit he understands what constitutes the Kingdom of God, and because it so arrested his attention during those journeys - so soon forgotten - so the mind of the body, catching a reflection of the greater mind of the spirit, sends out that query yet fears no answer can be given.

Children, many there are who have asked of us and others: 'Where is the Kingdom of God?' or 'Of what is the Kingdom of God?' And we - instructed by our Master - we have taken them from beauty to greater beauty, from marvel to greater marvel still, and at each point they have thought or said: 'Surely this is the Kingdom of God!' But we say: 'Not yet, not yet'. And so the quest continues, and sometimes much, much experience has to be gone through before they are in a suitable condition in which to grasp something of the splendour, something of the beauty of the Infinite Mind of Love...

Children, at this point I must try and explain that those spheres or planes - which you refer to for the most part in a figurative sense - that these, as some know well, are but conditions - conditions of holiness, or conditions which as yet cannot be called holy, because those who dwell therein turn from the Light to the darkness, turn from freedom to a hideous captivity indeed.

From time to time, I have tried to explain to you that the physical world and the spiritual world are undivided; that it is impossible to say where one begins and the other ends. Indeed, they are so weaved together that in some cases the physical is directly a reflection of the spiritual, and in God's good time will be made the spiritual without any distinction whatever.

When those on earth - in order to convey degrees of progress - use such terms as the first or fifth or twelfth sphere, they are trying to interpret in words what cannot be described in words at all. You see, dear children, we are all handicapped in the same way. There are 'conditions' which we are most anxious to describe to you - to portray to you in imagery - so that some realisation of the Mind of God may be your own. And in order to do this, we are forced to choose words and phrases which will convey something to your physical minds - something which you will recognise - and that is as far as we can go until spiritual sight is your own,

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when words are no longer necessary, their support no longer needed because - again in miniature - the eyes of the spirit have seen something of the Glory of the Lord.

Dear children, I do not wish to destroy anything in regard to those planes and spheres which you have heard a little about. Such descriptions are essential, and they give as fair a representation as it is possible to have while still bound by physical limitations. But there is one objection - and this to us is of a somewhat serious character.

As it were, the inference creeps in that these various spheres and planes are separated one from the other; that there are spiritual distinctions just as on earth there are social distinctions; that those who are farther on are centred in such holy conditions that indeed space divides them from the child-like soul in those spheres which you grade as the 'lowest' - that that void in between is there in very truth, as unbridgeable as the gulf between a king of the earth and the beggar who creeps along the streets...

Children, I have had a little trouble here because this point is so important to impress upon you; and you know that when I am trying to break down barriers in the physical mind, a certain amount of opposition from the shadows has always to be met and overcome. Still we go on.

Tonight, it is my endeavour to show you that although those in the Spirit may be divided by conditions, separation - as separation - does not, and never has, existed. Those who have learnt their lessons more quickly than others, those who have found within themselves resources, determination, and will to find God; those whom you would describe as the 'Angels of Light' - they indeed are but nearer in love and in patience and in understanding - than the child of the earth, buried in materialism, buried in all those thoughts which block out purity and holiness and truth...

Cannot you see what I am trying to impress upon you: That the greater one's capacity for doing the will of Christ, the nearer we grow to reflecting - in a fragmentary way - He who is Love itself. As we try to follow in His steps, so also we try to do His work. We seek out those who have strayed; we travel far in thought in order to companion those who, it would seem to the world, are outcast from all that holiness represents.

Never think, dear children, that because you hear that this one or that one has penetrated into a higher and more glorious sphere - never

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think that he is separated from you, or that you are divided from him. Still, as you must know, like calls to like - and sympathy of thought and aspiration dominates both the spiritual and physical worlds. And so it is that sometimes the children of the earth can be helped more easily by those - who have passed out of physical life - who, as yet, have not attained to those heights of spirituality to which your thoughts and hearts ever go out with such deep longing.

Children, in that last sentence, you get the key to the whole so-called riddle of life and death; of physical and spiritual experience. If in your minds there is a desire for holy things, there is that love and admiration for those who have got a little nearer towards the Christ-ideal than you yourself have been able to reach, then, because those thoughts are in your mind - instinctively, without any barrier in between - those who are the most experienced in the Land of Light love to gather to your side as friends, as companions - not as dictators, not as directors in the earth sense - but as companions, as most understanding friends they come to you, and they abide with you as long as the need and the desire remain.

You will see, dear children, what I am trying to convey. I am hampered tonight, and always, by the gigantic readjustment which has to take place in your physical minds when I attempt to describe that which is in the Mind of Love...

It would be incomplete if I did not draw your attention to another point which perhaps you may have forgotten; and that is the domination of the Spirit in physical life. In this material world of yours, the Spirit of God dominates and controls. And although there may be those who refuse to recognise its guidance in their lives, yet even they, when they are free from the body, will look back and see that in spite of their destructive thoughts, in spite of their most destructive actions, the Spirit - if not able to hold its own - yet still controlled many of the events of their earthly experience.

You see, dear children, from this, that I am trying to show you that this physical world of yours is not divided from any of those spheres or planes except, and only, by the thoughts of the individual concerned.

It is strange to us, that so many who read with delight and great devotion the sacred records of the sayings of Our Lord, can, at the same time, relegate the spheres of God as something which have to be waited for, and which cannot be penetrated into so long as physical life remains. Tonight then, yet again, I ask them to reread those portions which relate

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to the Kingdom of God, and to try and gather something of the inner meaning which The Master endeavoured to convey.

Children, in no instance will you find that the Kingdom of God is described as a place. Using various similes, it is likened unto this and unto that; a condition is described - a mental and a physical condition - and anything which could be termed a 'place' is rigidly excluded.

You see, dear children, that it was impossible, as I have told you before, for The Beloved to speak to His listeners of things as they were. In the first place He was hampered, just as everyone has been hampered, by the lack of similarities in physical life, and the inadequate nature of the words at His disposal.

And I want you to remember also, that although, in endeavouring to convey some impression to the physical mind, we liken the things of the Spirit to the things of the earth, yet always the things of the earth are but a crude manifestation of the things which are of God. The things of the Spirit get not their reflection - in any particular - from the things of the physical world; for there is nothing in your world which - being rightly interpreted - is not a crude reflection of one or other of the many marvels which are of the Spirit.

So, dear children, I come back, after going rather a long way round, to tell you - so far as it is possible for you to understand - where and what is the Kingdom of God.

Children, be careful in your thoughts regarding those many edifices which are in the world, constructed to symbolise the home of God. I speak with due consideration of every aspect of this great subject - and I see, and I say, that there is an element of danger in the importance attached to those edifices and their many requirements.

Yet, dear children, I should not be portraying the truth, if I did not explain that in those 'houses of God' - so-called - if the hearts and the minds of those who worship therein are as sincere and as pure as may be - or, at any rate, if the wish is there to be sincere and pure - then those buildings, those walls, do indeed contain a mighty force, a mighty power of the Spirit, which is used by God again and again, in order to help those who, as yet, have not found that same strength within.

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You see, dear children, it is rather a delicate subject; and yet viewed under the Light of the Spirit it is simplicity itself. As you know, in the Father's House - and the word should be 'home' - are many mansions. And that means that being the Great Parent, not only does He understand the individual heart and mind, but also He has provided many channels through which His children may find Him, unimpeded by those distinctions of thinking which make such barriers upon earth.

Therefore, dear children, it is quite easy for you to sympathise with all forms of worship of God. You look at things in the reasonable, commonsense way, and you know that anything that is a help in raising the heart and mind to God - that anything which is able to do this - is precious in the sight of the Father. Yet when you come here, you will realise, dear children, that all unconsciously, at different stages of the earth journey, you took on this and that support, but as you grew stronger you were able to lay them aside, and, finally, to walk in your own strength into the Father's Home.

It is in this connection that I would give one brief word of warning: Whatever the edifice may be, whatever the method of worshipping God, take care - take care that not only does God come first but that His second injunction is not overlooked: 'Love your neighbour.' Anything of the world, however beautiful it may be, however associated with holy memories and with sacred incidents - these things will be shown as obstacles between you and the One True Light, if that injunction is overlooked.

You see, dear children, how I am trying to get things into their right perspective. These buildings, devoted to the honouring and the worshipping of God, are sacred in one sense and in one sense only: By the help they were able to give to the struggling soul, by the fact that they provided a vehicle through which this one and that one were able to find his God - but not more - not more.

Never deceive yourselves as to this. Beauty of raiment or ornament or architecture, to the Mind of Love, is as dust itself in comparison with the salvage of one poor soul. Yet forget not my words. Some there are who are helped by the outward semblance of beauty - it enables them to visualise the beauty of the Life Hereafter - and because of that it does its part; but again I say, not more than that in the sight of God.

Children, all unconsciously to yourselves, I am getting you a little nearer to understanding something of the Kingdom of God.

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I ask you once more to go back to your Sacred Record - to the example of the Great Lover of all. Children, do you remember the incident when The Master bathed the feet of His tired disciples? Keep that thought in your mind; and then recall my words in the beginning, when I told you that a monarch of your world and the great Monarch of all were not alike in any particular.

You see, dear children, what I am trying to convey: That the Lord God Almighty, Creator of all things - that He who has not only created this little world of yours, but holds uncountable worlds and states in the hollow of His Hand - His attitude is the same today as it was in the beginning, and will be unto the end. The Father, the Christ, the Good Shepherd, lays aside His Glory and His Power and tends the weary children of the earth, not as a concession to Love but as a demonstration of the Love which is yours and mine for ever more.

You see, dear children, when viewed from the earth's standpoint and from the spiritual standpoint, how different things are.

And now I bring you a little closer still to the Kingdom of God, and I ask our friend (Mr Sheppard) - who is inspired with the desire to serve God to the best of his ability - I ask him to ponder over my words, and to allow the spirit within to decide as to whether or no what I teach portrays that which is Love Itself.

Children, the Kingdom of God is not in those distant heavens; the Kingdom of God is not reserved for those experienced travellers who, to you, seem to have worked through so much that you feel separated from them in every sense there could be. The Kingdom of God is not in any given place - not centred in any of those bright spheres which you long to hear more about - but the Kingdom of God is in the actual presence of those two or three who are gathered together in His Name. Yes, and in the heart of the humble worker - the one who does her best, unaware of the reward, unconscious of even the first threads of the pattern which she is working out in such beautiful design - there in the unselfish heart, in the pure and simple thoughts, there is the Kingdom of God.

Children, within you all, you have the Kingdom of God - within all those who have been created, there is the Kingdom of God. But alas, in so many it is veiled and shrouded, so blocked in by the world that the owners perceive it not. Yet, where the Holy Spirit has entered in, there is the

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Kingdom of God, there is that which is sacred indeed - not built of stone or wood; the precious ornaments are missing; bareness and poverty often the surroundings - but where simple goodness reigns, there is the Kingdom of God; and because it is His Kingdom, God indeed is centred in His own...

Children, I want you always to take that practical, commonsense view which, in its best sense, so nearly represents the spiritual; and I want you to think over the life of Christ on earth, to meditate on His holy teaching, to try and build up in your minds some conception of those gigantic truths which He sought to unveil to a world which understood Him not. I want you to balance all that with the little explanation I have given tonight, and to for ever cast aside the idea of a monarch in an earthly sense; to remember that God wishes you to visualise Him in your daily life as the Friend in need, as the One who never fails, as a Companion as well as a Guide, to whom the word 'dignity', as you understand it, is unknown...

Once you see with the eyes of the Spirit, the only dignity that has life in it is that of service; once the hearing is attuned to the voice of the Spirit, those things which represent power are seen for what they are - very often weapons used by the destructive forces, not only to cause distress to others, but far more to damage that which is of God within.

So, dear children, I leave this thought with you, and I want you all to try and get something of the inner meaning which lies beneath; I want you to try and penetrate just one step into the Mind of Love, and to think over His attitude towards His creation. I have told you before that the beauties of Nature are but a pale expression of the beauties of the Spirit; I have told you that the most perfect rose which the world has ever shown is but a poor drab thing in comparison with the beauty of effort, with the beauty which is created and which will last for all time by simple thoughts of love and sympathy towards others.

Yes, out of the endeavours, out of the thoughts of His children, God has built up the beauty of the so-called spheres of Light. That beauty is not far removed from you; it is in your presence now and has been and will be. Blind the physical eyes may be, but the spirit within recognises that which is its own.

So tonight I tell you that everywhere you go there is beauty, there is a definite expression, not only of Spirit power, but of the Holy Spirit itself. Ugliness is of the earth but beauty is of God, and so because there are

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portions of your little world which, by their squalor and neglect, are pitiful to look upon, so the Father has surrounded that which is of the earth with the beauty which is of the Spirit.

My children, we have had several little things to contend with tonight, but as you know it has never been my rule to give way. Once you acknowledge that that which is antagonistic to God is strong enough to divert you from your purpose, then indeed are you striking at Love Itself. And so I bid my children go on; and you shall find that we have done better than you imagined, and that those concerned contributed their part, though nerves may have suffered a little in the process.

My children, I leave you now for a little while, but only for a little while. The personal messages must stand aside tonight because I am anxious to leave upon your minds a deeper impression of the wonderful thoughts which are in the Mind of Love for His little children, who, as yet, understand Him not at all. And now I go...

(After others had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...My children, in spite of conditions, we have done well tonight; and I want you, when this intercourse is over, to put on one side feelings of weariness or of physical discomfort - and to rejoice that, indeed, we have worked through.

My closing words will be brief. Once before, dear children, you were told that in this little room the Throne of God had been built up by Love. You were told, also, that where no church or chapel stands that those in the Spirit could see the Light of God reflected back to them from the earth. These two incidents just round off my instruction regarding the Kingdom of God...

I want you never to forget that God is, and can be, reflected in any physical condition you can imagine; in the midst of the most sordid work; surrounded by those things which in themselves are a repudiation of holiness - there, in the heart and mind of a loving child, God can be seen, and God can be reflected to others.

Keep things in their right perspective. Never allow your viewpoint of the things of the Spirit to be shaded by the standpoint of the earth. Remember that you are trying to understand, and, in turn, to interpret, something of the wonderful Love of God - and earth standards are

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hopelessly inadequate, in many cases are diametrically opposed to that which is of the Spirit.

There is much I could say in elaboration of points which, of necessity, will arise in your minds on thinking over my words; but time presses and I cannot force things too much tonight. Only believe that if you wish to think with the mind of the spirit, unimpeded by the mind of the body, God will give you understanding over every point which may not be clear to you at this stage...

The Kingdom of Heaven is within, and the Holder of that Kingdom is by your sides, claiming that which belongs to Him; yet only claiming that which you willingly and lovingly can offer. Oh, remember that, dear children, that although God's gift is within, although He stands waiting to claim His own, yet because He is God - all-Powerful, all-Creative - so He waits for your love to prompt you - waits until willingly and without reluctance, you can hand over into His safe keeping that which He longs to possess; for only by your willingness and your love can He protect you from grief, can He show you the short direct way into the revelation of what Love means...

And now I go. We have used the power provided by the Understanding Mind - we have used it all, but we are strong in courage and determination and endurance, for God's grace and protecting care has been around us, and on us, in a way no words can explain...

Thank God, dear children, thank God for all His good gifts and for that mighty Love which never fails... Goodnight, my children.



THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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Saviour Christ, we hand ourselves over into Thy Hands and we ask Thee to bless us and to comfort us, to separate our minds from the physical - from all thoughts of the busy life, and to gather us up into the peace of the Spirit.

Tonight, O God, we realise that we are on sacred ground; we realise that to us Thou hast given the gift of Light, and we ask Thee to make us worthy - to make us fit vessels to be used in Thy service. Grant that we may go forward with valiant hearts, fearing nothing, trusting in all things in Thy tender love, because, as little children, we are seeking to follow Thy injunction; we are endeavouring to find Thee - to find Thee in that Beauty, in that Holiness, that we can understand; and we know that as we go forward so the greater vision will come, so we shall get more closely in touch with Thy love, and Father-Spirit and child-Spirit will be linked together for ever and for ever.

*Take us, O Christ, and mould us according to Thy desire.
Amen...*

...Good evening, my children, it is with great joy that we meet together in this way. Yet I have a few instructions to give you, and I ask you all to think with the mind of the spirit alone tonight, for indeed we are on holy ground. I entreat you to still both your thoughts and nerves - which are of the physical - and to enter with me into the courtyards of the Lord.

Children, tonight, when your minds are lingering on the outward manifestation of the Holy Spirit (Whitsuntide), I think it an opportune

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time to tell you just a little - I can do no more because, as yet, your understanding blocks the way - but I would tell you just a little about the Gift of the Holy Spirit, which has been man's from the day of creation, and will be for ever and for ever.

Keep this thought in your minds: That the bestowal of the Holy Spirit on those who had been prepared by The Master to do His work - that that was but an outward and visible manifestation of what had been, and what would be, the free gift of all.

With the Great Parent there are no distinctions, no divisions - no 'sheep and goats' in any sense whatever. It is the Father and His little ones; the Saviour and His children, which He loves and cherishes for ever more.

Oh, listen to me and try to learn and understand: God is your Father, and the best gifts are for all His children alike; yet, as would seem reasonable, there are some who are not ready for them, many who would not prize them, others who, indeed, would use them for most destructive work.

So, dear children, you can gather how it was, and why it was, that those who had followed Our Lord, those who had listened and tried to learn - ah, remember that: Tried to learn in spite of physical disabilities and the limitations of the physical mind - these, dear children, because they had prepared themselves, were suitable vessels to receive this most Holy gift, to be good stewards of that which had been placed within their hands: Power unlimited.

And remember that when this power comes, there are those - yes, there are those who would divert it from its sacred purpose; there are those enemies, those dwelling in the darkness, who because of their own captivity, seek to enchain others.

So it is a double responsibility, and so it is that the heart and the mind must be prepared by sorrow, by those deep anguishes of the mind, that the things of the world must be thrown aside, that those encroaching desires must be torn out of the mind - lest when the gift is bestowed destruction itself takes place.

Oh, my children, cannot you grasp something of what I would convey? There is this gift direct from God, making communion between the

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two worlds complete, unbroken. There is that power which can help others, which can console the sorrowful, which can relieve physical suffering - there on all sides lies this gift from God. But man, alas, is not ready for it, and so the years go on and barrier after barrier rises up between the children of the earth and the Glory of God - the Glory of that profound Love, which knows no limitations and which puts no limitations to the progress, to the power of you and me.

It is, dear children, a subject on which I can take you but a little way, yet I would explain to the stranger present (Rev. Hugh Allen) - ah, stranger so he seems, but brother and friend of mine - I would explain that the gift of the Holy Spirit, bestowed in those long past days, productive of so much - the gift which indirectly altered the whole history of the world - that that gift in exactly the same proportion is waiting for humanity to accept today. Yet, while man bars the possibility, so the gift remains ungathered; while the physical mind denies the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in daily life, so that which is of God remains unused, untried...

Cannot you see the responsibility which lies with each one? Cannot you see how this attitude of thought grieves that which is Love Itself? Cannot you see how it is keeping back the spiritual progress of the world? Yes, and this will be so until there are those strong enough in faith, pure enough in heart, valiant enough in spirit, to proclaim God's Truth; who will go back on the sacred records and read with the mind of the spirit the simple teaching - the direct teaching of The Master Himself.

The Master said that to those who loved Him, He would manifest Himself (John 14:21); and, dear children, right down the ages, there have been those - who have suffered much for His sake - who have not only felt The Master, but have heard Him and seen Him in their actual presence.

Again I say to you, listen not to the voice of the unbeliever. 'Imagination', 'delirium', these are the explanations that they give; but to the faithful, those with the prepared mind to whom the vision has come - they know - they know that The Master has not only spoken to them, not only companioned them, but out of His great Love, He has shown Himself in that guise which they, bound by the physical, could recognise.

My children, I reminded you before that Christ said to His disciples - to those who loved Him: 'I go away. For a little while ye shall not see me, but again in a little while ye shall see me (John 16:16-19)'. And, as some

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have already been told, during those long years of trial, of work and so-called persecution, Christ fulfilled His promise again and again.

Oh, my children, get back to the realisation of the Father's Heart. Does it sound possible to you that He who led them out of their homely ways, who took them away from their kind, who foresaw the path they must tread - is it possible that the Great Lover of all could withhold the joy and the reassurance of His Presence from those so sore beset on every side? The Master promised, and the Master came again and again, and supped with them, comforted them, and directed them on their way; and under His protecting wing those few men were able to show to an ever-growing world the beauty of the Fatherhood of God.

My children, have I not told you before that in the Father's sight there is no difference whatever between His children? Some are younger than others in experience and so require more care, more watchfulness, more understanding than those who are linked to Him - who instinctively know how to protect that which is of God within from the enemies who would destroy.

And so I say to you tonight - directed by The Beloved - that the same privileges, the same gifts which were bestowed on those simple men of old, can be yours, can be possessed by anyone who will take the rough hillside, who will ignore the physical, who will steel their hearts to suffer. The gift of the Holy Spirit and all it means, the gift of seeing Christ while yet bound by the physical, this waits - waits for man to claim as his own.

Children, when you come here you will marvel, as we have marvelled, that so much harm has been done by conscientious people - by those who think they are dominated by motives which are both practical and sincere - what these worthy people have done in the way of erecting barriers between themselves and the God they would worship.

Yes, unconsciously, those who are out to strike Love itself have been listened to. And why is this? Because that mind of the body, pursuing its endless course, as it goes gathers unto itself more furniture, and more and more, and so the owner, forging through the knowledge of the world, all unwittingly has built up an impenetrable barrier between himself and the wisdom of the Spirit.

Cannot you see that by choosing the complicated, by allowing yourselves to be immersed in the 'thinking' of the world, as a natural

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result the thoughts which belong to God get crowded out? You cannot serve God and mammon (Luke 16:13), and in regard to 'thinking' this is driven home with most terrible force.

The way to God is hard but it is simple; it is steep but it is direct; and all that anyone is asked to do is just those two things: Love God, and seek to serve your neighbour. If only those gifted with the powers of physical thinking could hold that thought in their mind, how much they could have done for the world, how much they could have taught to a spiritually ignorant people, how much nearer they could have drawn humanity to the Fount of Wisdom, who lives but to pour out on His children the knowledge of the things of the Spirit - the Truth, unbound, unimprisoned by all that physical thinking, which in itself is a denial of faith.

If only they could remember Christ's own words (Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17): 'Unless you become as a little child, you can in no wise enter into the Kingdom of God' - that Kingdom which is not in spheres far distant, that Kingdom which is centred within. You cannot come into your own because the door of the Kingdom is locked and barred, for there are those thoughts which are centred all round it which forbid an entrance.

Get back to the child's attitude of faith, keep to the simple paths of thinking; and by concentrating on God, that wider knowledge of the things of the Spirit, of the wonderful laws which govern your life and mine, the unravelling of the secrets of the earth - these and many, many more, which as yet you understand not - these shall be made your own if only you will approach God as He has directed.

Oh, children, think it out alone, think it out in silence, think it out when you are closest in touch with God, and try and realise that between you and the gift of the Holy Spirit there is nothing but your doubts, but your unpreparedness, but your immaturity.

If only you could realise the significance of these gifts, I should not have to ask you to prepare and yet prepare still more. If you could only grasp just one degree of the joy - the inexplicable joy - which this close communion with the Divine brings of necessity, then you would not rest, nothing would hold you back - the things of the world, the pangs of the body, and the thoughts of others, would be taken just as an added impetus to spur you on...

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And then there is one other point which I should like to bring in tonight, and that is in regard to us. As you know well, there are countless millions who have 'come back', as you would say, to this little world of yours, in order to help their brothers and sisters, in order to bring them into that same sweet peace which is their own.

Now, dear children, there have been some who, ignorant of spiritual laws, have exclaimed: 'Oh why bring them back, let them rest; let them be at peace!' Well, dear children, in their minds is a very definite misunderstanding of the Mind of Love. I ask you to consider this in a practical way. Once more, is it reasonable that the Father would allow one of His children to be deprived of that which was their own because they wished to help their loved ones on earth, who as yet do not understand the meaning of physical life? I put it to yourselves - to those who have children: I ask them would they - with all their limitations, with that strange travesty of love which is only possible while bound by the body - I ask them if they would treat a child in such a way?

Children, in everything, I want you to put these things to the test. In reading your Scriptures, I want you to stop and question: 'Is this according to the highest standard of love?' And if there is anything in those records which fails to come up to that, then you may know that the minds of those who put the words together were responsible, and that God - in great or little measure - has been misrepresented.

I come back to my point. Is it reasonable that those who, out of love both for you and for the Saviour of mankind - is it reasonable that they should be separated from their conditions of joy, earned by the experiences of physical life? When we come here in this way, we bring our gifts with us; and that is why, if you could see with the eyes of the spirit, you would know that in this room, everywhere - every inch, as you measure space - there is the beauty, there is the power, there is the glory which is of God. Blind though the physical eyes may be, the spirit within is responding to the Spirit which is everywhere - within and without - and when that which is within links itself up with the Divine, the unity is complete.

So, my children, I entreat you when you hear such foolish things said, that you will answer with faith: 'My loved ones bring with them their beautiful conditions!' And more than that: Each act of service done to another enhances that beauty; each time we are able to strengthen you - to keep you firm to your purpose - so added power is our own.

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The Father gives through many channels. Sometimes it may be that the power, coming from on High - coming from the One who is all-Holiness, all-Power, all-Love - charges many as it passes from one to the other; and when you upon earth are conscious of that indwelling Spirit, so its course is not ended. Out again go the rays of power, and, dear children, could you see things as they are, it would appear to you as vibrations of light, exquisite in beauty and colour, which indeed vibrate in ever-increasing circles and expanding force - on, on until at last it reaches again the Source, when, recharged, it is sent on its journey once more...

I am talking to you of things which are beyond your ken, yet I must prepare your minds ever more assiduously than before. I am impelled to try and implant therein, some conception of those wonderful powers, those mighty spiritual laws which are in evidence on every side. Yet I am held by lack of illustration, and by lack of understanding, in minds so anxious to learn and yet still held by physical conceptions.

Still, dear children, let me get back to simple things - for they are the greatest and the grandest. I tell you that you cannot think one thought of sympathy or of real love without actually sending out from yourself those waves of light.

And then from that, I ask you to think of what real service creates - real love for God, the wish to do His will and the wish to help others for His sake and their own. Try, dear children, from the remembrance of this simple thought, to magnify and to magnify, and to gain some understanding of this mighty force of the Spirit which is at your disposal, used by you unconsciously, unheeded - and yet for all that, doing its work, doing God's work, creating fresh strength which shall help the weaker ones on.

And then one last thought - and I speak to my friend and brother (Mr Allen) - I ask him, in God's Name, to try and follow me in thought in what I have to say:

In these conditions, where holiness abounds, the things which are of the earth must not penetrate, yet I would tell him this: That the things of the Spirit overrule and control the things which are of the world. I tell him that 'duty' lies nearest to God; that should two paths lie before him, then not only the spiritual point of view but the most practical as well, is always to follow the road where he feels closest in touch with his Master.

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If only the majority could realise this, then decisions or indecisions would fall from them. The test of every question, every decision, every opportunity is: 'Does this bring me closer in touch with the things of the Spirit?' That is the path. Duty to this one, duty to that one stands aside; God comes first, and by ministering to the God within, so the plan of one's life works out, as I have said - not only best spiritually but best practically, in its highest sense.

There is much which lies before you, much that would seem in the nature of tests; but I say to you that God is able only to test the strong because the weak would fall or fail under it. Cannot you see to what I am leading your thoughts? That the hard road, that the road which brings enemies to be encountered, that the road which is steep, is the road to God.

And because there may be much to contend with, so God sends down His power - recharging and recharging again; and even as the disciples of old, so indeed, in His good time, those who were valiant shall find recompense, shall find the joy which can never fade in that perfect companionship, in that perfect unity with the Divine.

Oh, let not your heart be sad - joy is in front; and in the measure that the Light shines upon you, so the joy of the Spirit shall be your own; and, in comparison, the joy of the earth will be as the light of physical day, compared to the unending Light of the Glory of God.

And now I go. Children, I want you all to give out sympathy and welcome. I want you to put out of your minds the personal, and to lend yourselves as instruments of God, because tonight there are those who would come (Spirit Communion), and, by coming, they demonstrate in your midst the power of the Holy Spirit, and the unlimited grace of God...

(Others then spoke...)

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE...

...Excuse me, friends, but the light in this room is too much for me - the Light of the Spirit... I shall collect myself in a few minutes.

I want you to think of me as one like yourselves; I hope in sympathy with all your thoughts, certainly full of love for your efforts and for your kindness in admitting me tonight. It is Florence Nightingale, and I want to

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speak to you in a very homely way about - well, my work; a little about my work on earth and perhaps a little more about my work now.

In the first place, when we are free from the body, it seems most curious to us to find how people have enshrined our names in memory and in their hearts.

I think it is one of the most astounding things which can happen; to look at the beauties of the Spirit - they are only a few at first, we could not bear more - and then to glance back over our little lives and, as it seems to us, the trivial work we did...

Now I want you - and I hope I can count upon you all - I want you to get away from that earth-view about my little efforts. I want you to regard things as they are and as they were. You see, when we know something about spiritual laws, and perhaps a little more about the Mind of God, we realise at once that if we were able to do anything that mattered while on earth, well, it was simply that God found us suitable instruments through which He could work; and once you look at it like that, personal satisfaction falls from you. You realise, with a sadness too deep for words, how much you hampered the Divine purpose, how much better those results might have been if only you had been more attuned to Love... You see, don't you, that when I put it that way, it changes the whole aspect of my life and the little I was able to do.

Well, that is one thing, and then I'd like to tell you that I've gone back to my first love, which was caring for lonely women and trying to help them - trying to fit them for playing their part in life. While upon earth, the educational side particularly appealed to me, because you must remember that in my day, women, generally speaking, were not educated as they are in the present time, and so they suffered grievously as a result.

There are so many to tend the sick and to work in the hospitals, that I felt I could quite easily and quite rightly go back to this early work of mine and - this time - try and do it a little better. Tonight, I feel as I stand here, that I long for all lonely women - for those who have lost their nearest and dearest, for those who have to fend for themselves, for those who feel they are 'not wanted', that they are the incubuses in the scheme of things - I want them to know that we over here, why! we have weaved them into our love, and loneliness could not exist because companions are all around.

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Oh, I long for these to know, and there are so many. I speak of the institutions, yes, and perhaps more so of the lonely rooms - the solitary ones, those who feel that their part is o'er and yet the curtain still remains up; the stage of their life is exposed to view but the audience has gone and they are left quite alone... Oh, to these my heart goes out in a way you cannot understand until you come here and look into their minds, read their thoughts and the sadness which will not be gainsaid...

Yes, that is my work, and while I was anxious to train the mind when on earth, now I am trebly anxious to educate the soul.

And I've another word of love for them. It is to tell them that each pang of sorrow - that the dreariness, that the sense of isolation, is truly - oh! truly beautifying the soul; and when this brief existence is over, then they will see that not only had they perfect understanding companionship, but because they did not know it, beauty and power had been added to their soul; and they in turn will provide instruments which God will use to help others so placed, so lonely, so sorrowful, watching others playing in the sun yet always centred in the shade themselves...

And then there is one other I would like to bring in, and you knew her as the Baroness Burdett Coutts. She tells me to say to you, there is a little tie between you, and she hopes you won't forget her; that you will try and imagine that now she is a motherly old soul - yes, she says 'a motherly old soul' to whom the young ones can go with their troubles, and with whom the older ones can feel there is understanding.

And then one last thought and I must go.

You will remember that they called me the Lady of the Lamp, or, the Lady with the Lamp. Why I used the alternative is this: As I look back on my life, it seems to me that, unconsciously, that expressed my limitations. 'A lamp' - just a little lamp, while all the time there was the sun of God's Love, which could have shone direct on the sufferers if only I had understood. Cannot you see the contrast? The lamp is of the physical - the Light which might have been mine and theirs is of the unlimited Light of God... I think you will appreciate my position. If only I had understood, if only I could have believed the words of our dear Lord, how much more I could have done, how I could have demonstrated, with my opportunities - my unlimited opportunities - how I could have demonstrated the wonderful Love of God... The Light of the Spirit and the Life which has no ending - 'Life Everlasting' as The Master said...

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You see, dear friends, how spiritual thinking alters us - and when I put things in this way, it sounds quite simple to you. And so next time when you hear any incident of my life referred to, will you give them this view, will you tell them that I wish the little lamp had been the direct and glorious Light of the Spirit, for then indeed I should have been an instrument used by God...

Goodbye. I shall come again because I know you will let me, and I have much to tell you about, lots of things which women have in common; and I hope my lonely sisters will feel my love when they read the simple message I have given tonight... Goodbye...

(After all had spoken, Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, I must not keep you longer tonight; yet, being your guardian - your loving guardian - there is a word of advice which I should like to give to my children.

In the little rest which is before them, I want them to be certain that those in the Spirit have them under their care. I want them to try and be as happy as God means them to be happy. I want them to use their little time of freedom to free themselves from the bondage of nerves and from the weakness of the body.

So, dear children, when you are far away - as it seems to you - remember that we have you under our watchful care; but remember this also - that the body has its rights; don't overstrain that which has been gifted to you for this work. Rest and be thankful. Fill your heart and mind with the sunshine of God's Love, and remember that you are instruments chosen for this great work.

And now for my closing words. I want you, as you go on your different ways, to try and readjust the thoughts of the physical mind with what you have heard concerning the things which are of God. I want you to realise that it is not God's Will that there should be any division between the mind of the body and the mind of the spirit. I want you, most of all, to be certain that the Father understands you best, to forever dismiss that conception of the Controlling Mind, easily offended, rigid in His commands.

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To gather this thought instead unto you: That God has bidden you try and love Him, because, if you are in touch with Him, He can lift you up out of sorrow, out of misunderstanding, out of false conceptions of life into knowledge - the knowledge of His perfect Love; when, as a child, with confidence, with no barriers in between, you can go to Him and you can say: 'Into Thy Hands I commend myself, because you are my Father and I am your child.'

Children, once more I remind you that it is the spirit within who disciplines you. It is your greater self which says: 'Thou shalt suffer if thou err from the path.' It is that stronger self which chooses the stony road, which sometimes takes on pain as an added burden to a load which already is somewhat heavy. It is that self which has seen God, that self which knows that sorrow works out, that self which - ignoring the complaints of the physical mind, says: 'I will reach the highest, and nothing, nothing shall hold me back'.

Keep this thought clear in your mind: That joy, that peace, that perfect health of soul and body is of God. Yet by experiencing, by understanding what grief means, so you can be brought more closely into contact with the One who bears the sorrows of all...

Oh, never forget that Christ, literally and actually, suffers with all His children, suffers in a way you cannot understand until you join us here - and then only in part. No one can fathom the sufferings of the Great Lover of all, no one can approach that sacred ground.

Yet believe me, dear children, that God finds His joy in bearing your burdens, in soothing those troubled thoughts; that in supporting us, in delivering us from the little load which we have taken on, the Father finds His greatest joy, because we are His children, and He is Love Itself...

God's peace rest on you all, lifting up your hearts. Take unto yourselves the gift of the Holy Spirit. Attune yourselves to Love, and realise that you are sheltered, you are protected by the wish, by the desire to be a little nearer to the Christ ideal, to represent a little more your sonship and your daughtership with the Great Parent - the Lord God, the Creator of everything that has been and will be.

Yet once again, I remind you of your most tender, understanding Father, who takes His joy in tending His little ones and in lifting them out

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of that which causes them to suffer, because as yet they understand not the meaning, the purpose, and the plan.

Tonight, dear children, I leave in this room - by God's grace - holiness indeed. Take care, take care that it is guarded and preserved, for God has visited you tonight, and has individually blessed you and raised you into conditions of spiritual comprehension - comprehension which shall not pass away, if only you wish it to remain...

Goodnight, my little ones.



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O Eternal Light, we draw near to Thee in spirit, and we ask that indeed we may be made part of that Light which is going to suffuse the whole world, which is going to penetrate into the darkest corners of creation both on this little earth and in the realms beyond.

Father, teach us how to walk in the Light, so that we may draw unto ourselves something of the sunshine of Thy Love, distributing it in turn upon others who as yet have not found the straight and simple path into illumination.

Grant that all those we love may be drawn by our influence into the peace which passeth all understanding, and because we, and they, are partakers of this great and holy peace, we may be used even as lanterns, guiding others through dark and unfamiliar paths into the safe highway which leads to Thee.

Tonight in love, in trust, in faith we assemble together, realising that Thou canst readjust the past, can protect the present, and can forestall the misunderstanding of the future. Thus in harmony we continue the work and we know that Thy grace will be sufficient, that this work begun so timorously and with such diffidence of mind - that this work will grow and grow, and in the future shall stand for something good in Thy sight because, O God our Father, Thou hast listened to our prayers and Thou hast protected us all the way...

Gratitude for Love, gratitude for guidance, gratitude for all the good gifts of the Spirit - yes, this gratitude shall come

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*and Father and child shall be united for ever and for ever...
Amen...*

...Well, dear children, after a little absence we meet together *in this way*; and I want you, for a moment, to consider with me something of the significance of those few words 'in this way'.

To those who know but little of the power of the Spirit - of the unbounded Love of God - such gatherings are dismissed as of little importance; indeed by the ignorant as something which savours of a folly too deep to be condemned in mere words. Yet to the few - and mark you, dear children, that from the beginning of the spiritual history of mankind, it has always been the few - to the few who have listened, who have waited for God's Voice, the answer has come.

Yes, 'in this way' has a meaning which can never be grasped, until the body is laid aside, and then only in part. When that freedom is your own, you will come back - as you put it - and you will see that where the wish to serve God holds true, where two or three assemble together in His Name to get direct instruction from the Great World of the Spirit, there is the power. When you come back, you will marvel at the complicity and yet the simplicity of the method - of those spiritual laws which operate so truly, so harmoniously, making the communion between those living under physical conditions and those who are free, untrammelled by the earth and all it means...

Children, there have been some of you when you have climbed the steps to the altar which represents Holiness to the world at large - when you, and many, have felt it a privilege indeed to kneel and to receive that evidence, that physical evidence, of Christ in your life, Christ in your heart and mind.

Could the eyes of the spirit see things as they are, then you would be enthralled by the beauty represented; and I would have you understand this - that however the priest, so-called, may fail in representing his Master, the blessing is the same, if only your heart and mind wish to be linked to Him. Never think that with the things of the Spirit the things of the world can overrule them; never think that because one here and there fails in his or her duty, that the Father cannot brush aside those obstacles and stretch out the Hand of Love and bestow upon His children the gift direct.

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Many there are, thank God, who can enter into this spiritual communion - this wonderful privilege which they, by reason of their office, are used to dispense; many indeed represent their Master as nearly as a child can represent his Father; and if you could view things with the eyes of the spirit you would know that Christ keeps step with the one who gives, and Christ Himself strengthens and purifies the heart and mind both of the giver and the receiver, and so the blessing is two-fold in power and in beauty.

Children, I do not use language which is flowery to describe such scenes as these; I must leave it to your imagination - that imagination which has its foundation in the Spirit - leave it to you individually, to build up some idea of the wonder, of the purity, of the exquisite loveliness of the conditions round the altar of God, when those who love Him gather there.

Yet, lest a false impression should be left on any mind, I would remind you most earnestly that the altar - whether it be consecrated or not, whether it be new or old, whether it be fine or poor in quality and in decoration - that that altar, to the Mind of Love is as nothing, nothing except that it has the power, the influence, to draw the thoughts of His little children closer to Him...

Again I come back to this little gathering here - to the many gatherings all over the world brought into being by the wish to find God and to obey His wishes. Let not physical conceptions have an entry. Howe'er it be, whatever the circumstances and conditions - where two or three gather together in His Name, there is the blessing, definite, tangible, sure and unbreakable.

Yet, dear children, by reason of the fact that this direct communion with those in the Spirit requires much preparation, much discipline, many bitter lessons learnt - by this fact, so is it possible that the power of God can not only be demonstrated, but is attracted in greater force, because that which was necessary from the individual has been forthcoming, and the Father only waits to give and to give again.

There are some who have not studied this question - who have not thought it worthy of consideration, who challenge the statement that in gatherings of this kind the power of God is there in a more definite form than in the large and splendid churches which have been built in honour of His Name. Yes, this has been challenged by many, and tonight I want to

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give a plain and direct explanation as to the why and the wherefore of this fact.

Here I draw your attention to a point which is evident to all those who are used to this particular form of service. You have noticed that, apparently, under similar conditions, the power cannot be drawn upon to the same extent; that it is more difficult to separate those in the physical from physical things; that the world in a material sense obtrudes, and the mind, alas, is too easily distracted from the sacredness of the communion which is taking place.

Again you have your simple answer. The necessary effort, the indispensable concentration and consecration has been absent, or has been delayed by those things of the earth which the shadows use to come between God and His little children.

Yes, dear children, and my words - spoken with so much love and understanding, spoken with that sympathy, with that inner consciousness of your lives and of the conditions which surround them - these words are given tonight with double emphasis to you and to the world at large; I say - by God's direction - that the power drawn together in this way, to be used in an unlimited measure, depends solely and entirely upon the hearts and minds of those concerned.

And remember that here it is that 'the past' comes in; here it is that those foundations which have taken long to bring together, which have been built stone by stone with weariness, with dejection, and with something well nigh despair - here, the past takes its rightful place; and on that past - on that slowly accumulated foundation of endurance - so the present power is established for ever more.

To those strangers who have questioned the feasibility of this I say:

Is it not a God-like truth that suffering, that work, that determination, should have the power to build up the necessary holiness which is essential, before those in the Spirit - who are of the Spirit - can come and speak to you as comrades and as friends?

Again I say that this gift is not reserved for the few, but alas and alas, it is the few only who will submit themselves to the necessary discipline, to the necessary preparation for what is indeed God's work;

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because the gift can come only to those who strive to be free from that which would hold them back.

My children, I have talked somewhat at length on that little phrase 'meeting together in this way', but I want you to think it over, I want you to be certain that your Heavenly Father understands completely how it is that sometimes the physical body comes in between; how it is that the things of the earth make barriers over which His children try to step, sometimes in vain.

And while I am speaking thus, I want you to consider this point in a reasonable way; I want you to look at things in that practical, spiritual way, which always brings back into their right position - into their right perspective as well - those aspects which before looked all awry.

Talking among yourselves, you admit that these experiences are 'tests', but even so do not appreciate that if these tugs of the physical were absent, the whole battlefield of your life, of necessity would be changed. I have told you before that only by struggle, that only by fighting against the enemies of God, can you attain.

You see, dear children, instead of viewing your minds and your desires alternately with loathing and with sadness, if you could get the true view - the spiritual view - you would see at once that these so-called enemies, by God's grace, can be shown a little further on as true friends indeed because, and only because, you tried to get free from them - you wished to be linked solely and only to the things which are of God.

Without these encounters - and you have noticed again and again that many seem to escape them - without these encounters, you could get but a little way out of the valley; and the hillside, with its beauty and power and promise, would be denied to you for many, many a long experience to come.

Those who seem to escape such struggles - they, dear children, have not evaded them but they are reserved for the by-and-by. Drifting along with the tide in the comfort and ease provided, the boat of their life is not set in the direction of the Golden Shore, but rather towards those many byways which lead nowhere, and when their length has been traversed, out must come the oars, and the boat must be rowed back by the sweat of the brow and by that deeper anguish of heart and mind.

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The long journey of experience is the same for all, but freewill is man's gift, and until the spirit within gains a semblance of freedom, so the physical controls, and so these issues are postponed and postponed again.

Yet, have I not said that the easy road contains more suffering because of its length, than the short steep hillside? Have I not said that to those with courage, the helpers not only come, but, using that courage - that wish 'to do' - as direct power, by the grace of God, again and again, they can help and protect them from the deep and dreadful ravines which each pilgrim has to get over, if he would follow the Voice to the heights beyond.

You see, dear children, that enemies in number or enemies in force, do not denote - as so many of my children think - that heart-breaking lack of spirituality in themselves; rather to the experienced soldier the fiercest tussles come. He that has braved much in the past has - all unconsciously, perhaps - built up within, certain reserves and certain resources, without which he would not dare to face those enemies of Christ which seek to bar the way.

Oh, take heart all of you, and yet beware of that subtle influence which has been given ground among you - the influence of self-despair. I mean the despair over the weaker self, which you think is a direct indication from the greater self of how big your failure has been.

The greater self knows what lies in front; that greater self is not appalled by the enemies of the Light, but it is hindered in its progress when the physical mind pauses and listens to those who are out to destroy.

Therefore, dear children, it is quite consistent to say: Be of good cheer, and yet be on your guard against the enemy which is within the gate. Those nervous thoughts, those destructive senses which so often evidence themselves - these, and these only, are the obstacles which have to be overcome; and if you could leave things with God more freely, I could control them every time in a way so reassuring that very soon they would cease to exist at all. It is not only urgent, it is imperative that the chosen worker's of the Most High should be free - free to take up their task, not only as duty but as the greatest joy their life could hold.

And that, dear children, is what God means. It is against the Mind of Love that this gathering together should represent to some of you (medium and note-taker) dismay; that it should present fears of any kind.

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God has given you a gift which you understand not; yet in the giving and the bestowing, He knew that the sense of responsibility and the strain must come, but only for a while - mark you that - only for a while. Once you can hand over yourselves to Him, so the joy and the peace will come, so those nervous apprehensions will depart, and so you will feel the protection all around. Have no fears for the future, yet be on your guard! - remember that, dear children.

And now I come to the second half of what I wish to speak to you about tonight, and that is in regard to old ties, old friends.

Many have found that friendship is not understood by the majority; that very often it is regarded as one of the diversions of a busy or easy life; and so friendship has rather lost its high and beautiful position in their estimation.

Well, dear children, I should like you to think a little about Christ's attitude towards friendship and the pinnacle on which He placed it; and, then to remember this: That in addressing the faithful - again 'the few' - Christ said: 'Ye are my friends' (John 15:14), and then with that wonderful understanding of the human mind, He added that all those who did His will were His friends.

It is rather a wonderful thought - when you come here, you will see that it is the most wonderful thought there could be. We all know that Christ is our Friend, yet completion being in the Perfect Mind, Christ said: 'Ye are my friends'. I think that puts a different interpretation upon the friendship which Christ has for all.

When you are thinking of an ideal - of One who is all tender, all love, all kindness - it is not difficult for you to understand that He is the universal Friend, because Love is so inclusive; yet because He is the Friend of all, it does not include the fact that you are His friend as well. I think you see the point. But Christ made the statement, clear and direct, that all those who wished to do His will - which, remember, is following the direction of the Divinity within - that each one was His friend.

From that thought I take you on to another. In your world it has been said that old friends are best, and some people have interpreted that as barring out those who are new acquaintances in their earthly life. But that, dear children, is entirely the physical view, which concentrated on the world, ignores or forgets those deep abiding ties of the Spirit.

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Yet the saying, dear children, is perfectly correct when viewed in the spiritual way. Once more I ask you to remember what I have told you about that long 'past' before you entered into physical life. In that long past those ties were made, and perhaps many years go by on earth before - working out the pattern - you are linked together. Yet remember this: That sympathy, that mutual interests, that that understanding of each other's point of view - that this but signifies that the tie was made long, long ago; and again you have the echo 'old friends are best!'

I want you all - all who read these records - to think on this with the mind of the spirit, to apply it to everyone who has passed through your lives. You may be old or you may be young, but when two are drawn together by mutual sympathies and, above all, by mutual aspirations, then you may be certain that the tie between you is ancient indeed. The linking has been delayed - may be - because with each one certain experiences had to be worked through first, certain lessons learnt and made their own. The preparation was indeed of God, so that when the two lives met, there should be that in each mind which should be able to recognise the affinity in the other...

Oh, my children, never be deceived by the earth view, which is surface indeed.

There are those who are coming into your lives who have been linked to you, and you to them, through aeons and aeons of time, yet from the earth standpoint you are as strangers. I speak not only of those who have passed out of physical life, but also of those still in the flesh, and I entreat you to bar them not; to remember that I have said: 'Old friends, old ties are best' - and it is God's will that your lives, at this stage, should be intertwined one with the other - it is part of the pattern, part of the plan.

And then I bring you back once more to the remembrance of Christ's definition of a friend, and, above all, to that most glorious privilege which He has bestowed upon us - His friendship - not His Kingship over us, but His friendship with us; yet so characteristically He adds: 'Ye are my friends' - 'My friends' - think of it, dear children, to be deemed worthy of being a friend to the Crucified, to that which is Love itself.

Try and gather in something of the wonderful meaning underlying that phrase - not condescension, that is not God's way, condescension between the Father and His children never has existed and never will - it

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is of the earth and not of the Spirit. But the gracious promise and invitation, first to be our Friend, and then that divinely-human longing of His that we should be His friends as well...

Yes, dear children, each evening as we go on we learn a little more, we gather in just a fragment of the Perfect Mind; yet this should tell you, for the comfort of your heart and mind, that only by what you provide yourselves, could I or anyone speak to you in this way. God gives a thousandfold to our one, but if that one portion is absent, so He, with sadness, cannot give of all that much which He longs shall be our own, because the mind of the body refuses it and free-will cannot be gainsaid.

And now, my children, I am going to leave you, but I want my little secretary to be certain that the power is all around her tonight, and if I spoke rather quickly in the beginning, then because of this and the strain entailed, so is the love and the recompense there to help her on her way...

(After others had spoken Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, we have kept you long enough, but I want to say in conclusion just a few words about the things of the earth and the things of the Spirit.

My children are back again in the little home they have got together by work and by endeavour, I want you all to realise that however much the world has to offer - however bright the conditions, however ministering they may be to the senses - that those of the Spirit answer only to the Voice of the Spirit.

It is just like this: Children who have been through certain experiences before they took on physical life, are - unconsciously to the physical mind - linked and bound to their Heavenly Home; and although there may be dissuasive voices, although there may be a multitude of distractions - yet right through, the only happiness for them is unity with their real Home - the linking up of the Divine within and without.

You see, dear children, that in regard to this brief experience away from your own, separated from your interests and divided from the very work which made the break imperative, you found that true happiness escaped you.

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It is so indicative of the Spiritual life which is going on all the time. Brightness and beauty of the earth fades into insignificance before the remembrance of the brightness and beauty of the Spirit, even though it may only be faintly recalled by the physical mind.

I want all my children to try and grasp this great Spiritual truth: That the conditions in which they are placed - that those conditions indeed are best, although it seems hard to grasp the fact. Yet, think you not wrongly on this point. There are many - heedless of the Voice of the Spirit - who clutch wildly at the things of the earth and, for the time, they are diverting their life from its rightful course - diverting and delaying, but not altering the course which must be followed in the end.

But to those who, as they regard it, are at the mercy of circumstances, to these I say - and I entreat them to gather in and make this truth their own - I say that the path they have chosen is the best; best not only spiritually but best also so far as physical happiness is concerned. For have I not said that the spirit which has once listened to the Voice of the Father-Spirit is only hindered and made wretched if it heeds the voice of the world, if it lingers by the way, if the vitality of the body is wasted by vain regrets or for the fleeting things which must pass away...

Oh, my children, take comfort; be certain that God is not mocked; be certain also He leads you every step of the way, and if you have chosen the hard rough path during physical life, then it means this and this alone: That free from the body, either in the sleep state or when that tabernacle is laid aside, you have that sweet content, that perfect harmony, that unlimited joy, which only close communion with the Divine can bring to us now or in the great Hereafter...

My children, I leave you, yet think not of sorrow ever again, but rather of the possibilities, of those wondrous opportunities which lie in front - those experiences which shall bring their happiness inevitably as they pass and which shall save you untold anguish in the days that are to come...

Faith leads you on, courage shall sustain you; the battle is well nigh fought and the joy of victory lies in front...

God blesses you all, holding you fast - remember that - comforting those wounds of the physical mind, and yet using those wounds as

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weapons for the Spirit - because in His Hands, sorrow is turned into joy, darkness into the Light which never fades...

Goodnight, my children, and remember my love as well. You are my chief delight; you are indeed so of my heart and mind that no words can express how we are linked together, how strong is the love between us, and how God has blessed us in this perfect union which shall not pass away... Goodnight.



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O tender Father of us all, grant tonight that indeed we may contact with the things of the Spirit; grant that the world and all it represents may be laid aside - not because the things of the world are evil, but because they seek to come in between Thee and Thy little children...

O most understanding Mind of Love, guide us and direct us and keep us from all harm. Grant that the greater vision may come and that we, acting under direction, may lead others out of the twilight into the full Light of revelation - of that glorious revelation of Love unlimited - Love, Love, Love!

Most tender Saviour, give to each one tonight just what they need - Thy grace, Thy help, Thy benediction - and grant that we, strengthened and recharged by the power of the Spirit, may go on and conquer all those forces which seek to hold us back...

Into Thy Hands once more we commend ourselves; and we know that Thou art able to bring us through, because faith and trust are here tonight... Father, we thank Thee - thank Thee with grateful, humble hearts that Thou hast permitted this gift to be used so freely in the honouring of Thy Name... Amen...

...My little children, all of you here, be heartened - all the dear ones who have been gathered into my love take comfort, for the dawn is at hand. Take comfort in the thought that you have listened to the Voice of the Spirit; that you have been asked to take the rough hill path so that others may follow on, may emancipate their real selves, may be free from the earth and all it represents... My children, rejoice - rejoice that God is

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able to use you; rejoice that the Father is able to use the minds and bodies of His little children.

Tonight, meeting together in this sweet way, there is much to talk over, and I want you all to concentrate on the object which we have in view - that is the breaking down of the barriers between the world of the flesh and the world of the Spirit.

I want you to lay aside desire - those natural wishes in regard to your dear ones - and to offer up your hearts and minds as a contribution to this most important task of pushing aside that which intervenes between you and what is your right: Communion with God, and those gathered together under His Love - those who are working, it is true, under slightly different conditions - but working with you, and you with them, to proclaim God's Love to a blinded world, to a world immersed in its own pursuits, chained by its possessions, imprisoned by the many destructive desires of the flesh...

Oh, my children, thank God indeed that you can put these things in their place; thank God that that most terrible awakening, when free from the body, shall be taken from you - that the remorse which burns and burns will be, in great measure, saved you when you walk in the Gardens of the Lord...

Tonight, dear children, I want to speak to you about: 'Power' - power in its physical sense, and that great and mighty power which is a gift direct from the Most High.

In your little world, physical manifestations of power are on every side. Machinery, you think, has come into its own. All those many inventions of the mind of man stagger the majority by their scope and their conception. Yes, dear children, but have you not thought of this: That in regard to motive power, as man learns more so he lays aside the cumbersome parts; that as the inventive side - the inspirational side - of the physical mind gains its freedom, so man sees that the greatest results can be brought about by the simplest mechanism.

Is there not a lesson in this? Go back on the history of the past. Each invention was greeted as astonishing evidence of the power of physical thought; yes, and with apprehension too, for man saw - or thought he saw - danger lying side by side with that which he had brought into being...

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And then the next stage - the getting used to what was marvellous once on a time; and then the mind of man seeking fresh fields to conquer, striving and struggling to express something of the knowledge cabined within that which you call the 'sub-conscious' mind.

Yes, all around you are evidences of this. Daily, fresh news comes - maybe from afar, maybe close at hand - of the domination of the controlling power of the mind of man...

Ah, dear children, in this simple illustration lies a tremendous lesson for us all. It symbolises in detail the spiritual processes of man; and I want you to come with me in thought while I attempt to show the parallel.

Is it not true that those who gather unto themselves the tools of the mind, pass through many stages, adding and adding to their knowledge; and when they have drawn in all that the world can teach, then the spirit within wakes up and takes control? If this does not happen during the physical stages, it must take place when that obstructing body is laid aside.

Think of it how you may, the man who seeks but to make his own the knowledge of the world, irrespective of the wisdom of the Spirit, in time must retrace his steps, throwing off this, casting aside that, until he comes back again to simple things and simple faith...

Yes, in illustration today, you have it worked out in a crude form. The more man knows, the more he finds he can dispense with; and sometimes he is staggered by the simplicity of the greatest inventions of all.

That is the lesson which all must learn. Just as I described to you that 'Evolution' was based on 'Involution', so indeed, dear children, you will find with the journey of the spirit that much furniture - much that impeded - was gathered as it went through its varied experiences; but as it learnt, as it got free, as it responded to its God, so this and that was laid aside. And you can tell the experienced soul by its simplicity - yes, by its faith and trust in God as its Father.

The knowledge of the world, good as it may be - and I have told you often that it plays its part in the training and in the disciplining of the physical will - good as it may be, there is something which is infinitely

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better: The wisdom of the Spirit which brings peace, which brings not only knowledge but revelation of the purpose of your lives.

Oh, my children, be not deceived. Power there may be in the physical world of a kind which is stupendous to the mind of man; but in that same physical world there are resources untouched, there are gifts, there are powers waiting to be used in the service of mankind. And, dear children, only those who are faithful and true, only those who are humble and pure, only those who put others first and self last can be trusted with the things which are of God.

Yes indeed, these gifts have mighty power, and because this power is so great, the shadows - playing on the physical mind of those who would make them their own - seek to induce them to put them to a use God never intended, and suffering comes inevitably as a result during the earth life, and greater suffering when the soul is free - when the soul stands by its Christ and sees what has been done...

My children, the highest only is for you. Those gifts which even daily are being made more nearly your own - these gifts must be guarded as holy indeed. That which surrounds them is as straw to be thrown aside; that which can protect them comes from within and not from without.

Hearken you then to my words of warning, given with love, with a complete understanding of your lives, of your aims and your desires - listen to my words of warning: Keep to the simple path, keep to the straight clean path which leads to God. Never mind the intellectualities of physical life. In God's sight these are as nothing; and when you are free, you will find indeed that they but burlesqued the knowledge which was made your own as you followed the Voice of God and found Him.

The warning is two-fold, and the warning is for now and all time: Keep free from everything which comes between you and Christ. Remember that in Christ there is power, there is opportunity, there is a revelation which can never be fathomed. Yea, I go further than that - I say that in the Name of Christ alone there is a power which can dominate and control the fiercest forces of darkness there may be. Pride - that consciousness of self and of mental advancement - all these are the subtle temptations of those who are out to destroy; and, dear children, must be faced as such.

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Ponder o'er my words. Without Christ you would not have the power to raise your hand; without Christ no thought could flit through your mind. Think of the world's conception of power, and then remember that without Christ this little world could not be.

Until man knows his Source, until those governed by their physical minds can realise to whom they belong, so the road goes on and on, so dissatisfaction and sadness keep step with them, so they wander round the mountain and the heights are never reached.

Cannot you see how I long for my children - how I long for all those bound by physical thinking - to be free? Waste, waste, waste - seeking for what can never be attained, they turn their back on the Promise, and so - although God's Love never changes and never fails - they shut themselves off from the brightness which is their own.

Yes, think of the power of the Spirit; the power of the Name of Christ; the power of the protecting care of The Father. In the simple narrative which His disciples, those who loved Him, put together with much care and thought - in that simple narrative, you have all you require to reach the highest... 'Let not your hearts be troubled for I will send you a Comforter' (John 14:16). Those words ring out again and again: 'I will send you a Comforter' - the Comforter which shall give you all knowledge, all joy, all peace; and the power of the Comforter is in your presence tonight. Gather unto yourselves that which is so freely offered, and thank God that as little children - children in simplicity - you can come, you can ask, and you can receive...

Remember, there will be others who will try and lead you into complicated paths of thought, but tonight I tell you for your guidance that the words of God, given in those days of old: 'Love God and your neighbour' (Matt. 22:36-40), are all that is necessary to give you your hearts desire when the body is laid aside and you receive, consciously, the blessing of Christ...

Keep this thought fixed firmly in your mind - humility, simplicity, faith and trust in God...

And now, my children, I will leave you for a little while; but there is one who would speak - a stranger to you all - yet one whose memory has been loved for many a long day and year, and it is God's will that tonight

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he should push aside the centuries and address you as brother and friend...

Keep the peace, hold on to holiness, and indeed God's blessing on this evening, shall be shown to you all...

ST. STEPHEN...

...Dear friends and comrades in Christ, indeed only by the grace of God could I demonstrate my presence here tonight and the influence I have been allowed to have upon your lives...

Speaking of those ancient records brings in my name (Acts 6), for there - so lovingly narrated - my little part, so short, so brief, is enshrined in a setting of which it was altogether unworthy... They called me Stephen, and many a young heart has thrilled at the story of the boy who was honoured in dying for his Master.

Tonight, I want to speak to you about that marvellous privilege which was my own. Young as I was, the protection which was all around me was amazing in its completeness; and truth to tell, dear friends, I did but little - everything was given to me; and during that last incident which has been held up as heroic, well, there was nothing heroic in it at all.

My love for Him who gave me so much - the joy and the peace and the happiness which filled my soul - ah, that was a million times stronger than any pangs of the physical could be. I saw Christ! I saw that which was worth ten thousand deaths to reach; I saw - in miniature, it is true - the reflected glory of God, and then was centred in the Light which never fades...

Oh, my dear friends and comrades, never think again that Stephen was great, that Stephen did aught but the merest to express his love; and as a lesson to all, I would tell you that it was far easier to 'die' for my blessed Master than it was to live for Him after that physical death had taken place. Then my struggles began, then I realised the inner truth of that saying: 'Live for Christ - live and demonstrate your love for Him'...

You who know that 'death' does not divide, you who know that the physical experience is not interfered with - you can enter into the meaning underlying my words that I found it far harder to live for Christ than to die for Him, in those days of old.

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I want you all to think of me with love, but for ever to turn your mind from that trivial incident; to try, instead, to enter into my thoughts and feelings as I watched others - bound by the body, surrounded by enemies, hemmed in on every side - as I watched and worked with them through their long experiences, which they, out of greater love, had taken on in their Master's Name.

You see, dear friends, the spiritual view? Yet I would not underestimate the value of the little story as narrated by those who loved me. Again and again it has inspired the young, it has been used as the turning point when danger lay close at hand. Again and again the story of the boy has enthused not only the young but the old - and because of this it has done its part.

But to live for Christ is the test, and that is the message I have been asked to give tonight: to turn your thoughts ever from the dramatic to the prosaic; to influence you to see things as they are: That the life of work, of laying aside self in its many deceptive forms, that the life of effort and of consecration, is indeed the Christ life, indeed it expresses the ideal. And, thank God - after my body was laid aside - so He permitted me, so He helped me, so He helps me now to live the life which expresses something of the Christ Ideal...

This is my message to the world - one day to be given out broadcast, one day to be read, one day to be listened to as Truth: That though to die for Christ may be sweet, to live for Him is His desire; though to demonstrate in definite action your faith by so-called martyrdom has its part in influencing the minds of others, it is the life which is the test.

It was the life of The Master that has held Him in the hearts of His children, and will for ever and for ever... Live for Christ, dear friends and comrades - live for Christ.

And now, Farewell...

(Zodiac returned and continued...)

...Well, my children, I am not going to keep you longer tonight because many seeds have been sown in the physical mind, and it is wiser to let them take root before others are planted therein.

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You see, dear children, we are all such old friends - old, old friends, that we can be perfectly frank with each other. And so I tell you tonight that this little meeting here, and the drawing in of one so kind and sincere as our brother (Mr Morris), was planned away back in the past - in that 'past' which you have completely forgotten and will not recall until the body is laid aside.

Then I would say a word to Louise. My child, those who are in your charge have been gathered in by the Spirit of Love. Let their souls grow under God's direct care, and when their desires are to come closer to Him - whatever that form may be - then with thankfulness open the way. I could say much to you in regard to these charges (Barbara and Mary) but the future will reveal inch by inch, and you cannot go astray if you keep Christ in your heart and home. The future is fair indeed.

It was my express desire that my child (medium) should come here, that the peace and the harmony should heal up some of the wounds caused by the necessary training for this work.

Some there are who have said to you: 'Take care of these instruments of God' - take care indeed. But no one can stand between them and the experiences which the spirit has voluntarily undertaken, yet all can do this: Love and sympathy can heal the deepest wounds that the evil forces may make. Yes, that sweet companionship, when harmony holds chief place, can do God's work direct. And, in the measure that you - and remember this responsibility lies before each one on earth - that in the measure you contribute to the healing of the heart and mind of another, so in that measure are you nearer to God...

Children, there is this I would put into words: Those of the world scoff at 'service', scoff at the idealism of others. They hold fast that which they have wrested from the earth, and to thousands they stand as examples of success - success!

My children, when you come here, you will see this truth laid out in all its beauty of design; you will find that even from the merely practical standpoint, such as these blundered indeed. They gained only that which passes away; they lost that greatest possession of all, the love of their fellow beings. Yes, when you come here, you will see, and rejoice that you allowed yourselves to be directed aright.

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Service to others, while it brings its happiness to the individual - to the one who gives and the one who takes - this act of service builds up round those cabined in the physical body a guard, even of the bright throng who represent Light itself...

My children, think of this; think of this in the most practical way you can conceive. On earth there are many forces out to strike you and yours; yet, at the same time Christ offers you perfect and complete protection; but ere this protection can be made your own, so from that which is within, the response must come.

When Christ taught 'Serve your neighbour', He not only thought of the sorrowful amongst His children, but also He knew that to the one who 'served' that the peace and the joy and the companionship of the so-called angels of God, would - as a direct result - gather to the bestower, and remain with the bestower, so long as the heart and mind belonged to Christ.

Don't you see, my children, how marvellous is the Mind of Love, how simple are those spiritual laws by which it is ordered that you cannot give one thought of help to another without gathering to yourself help a hundred-fold stronger in return.

And now I leave you, I bless you in the Father's Name with purity of motive, with holiness of purpose, and with a love for humanity which indeed shall bring you over the threshold of things Unseen into the revelation of God's Love for all - out of the 'mysteries' of birth and life into those greater simplicities of serving Christ...

This is the blessing bestowed by the Father on His little children, because seeing not they went on; and though faith may have faltered by the way, the will held firm and God's Love was manifested to those on earth.

Goodnight, my little ones... rest in peace, rest in peace...

